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## Four arrivals test positive

» **Road to 80 announces final batch of raffle winners**

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REPORTER

A total of four incoming travelers tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend, bringing the CNMI's total to 236.

Last Friday, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. announced that two incoming travelers have been confirmed positive for COVID-19. The individuals were identified by travel screening and confirmed through fifth-day testing on Aug. 26 and arrival See **FOUR** on **Page 4**



### 'TASTE OF THE MARIANAS' IS BACK

The revival of the annual Taste of the Marianas that was put on hold for over a year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic drew the participation of hundreds of community members, confirming that the CNMI has been yearning for the return of one of Saipan's staple festivals.

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## NMC board OKs master plan



The Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents recently approved the master plan for new facilities that will be built to meet the CNMI's educational and workforce needs.

NMC

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents approved during a special meeting last week the college's facilities master plan, which includes conceptual designs and proposed constructions of new classrooms, offices, and other learning facilities.

The seven-phase facilities master plan, which was prepared and designed by Tani- See **NMC** on **Page 4**

## DOL releases \$4M unemployment benefits

The CNMI Department of Labor paid out over \$4 million in unemployment benefits last week in benefits to claimants for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs.

This recent disbursement included payments for PUA 2 (CAA) and PUA 3 (ARPA) to more than 500 PUA applicants in the CNMI.

In addition to resolving

claimant issues, all unpaid claims, and working with claimants to provide necessary qualifying documents, the CNMI DOL has also been working with employers to accurately certify employment verifications, timesheets and check stubs for their employees.

"The CNMI Department of Labor continues to do its part in mitigating the economic effects of the pandemic."

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### AT A GLANCE

As of 5:52pm, Aug. 29, 2021

#### VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population  
Fully Vaccinated: **77.8%**

Days since last community transmission **159**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	29,370
Fully Vaccinated:	28,005
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,792
Fully Vaccinated:	4,243
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	747

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	9867	179	10,046
Recovered	8,792	32	8,824
Active	898	179	1,077
Deaths	145	0	145

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	232	4	236
Traced via Travel Screening	195	4	199
Traced via Community Screening	37	0	37
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., <https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/>

### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

### CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



Source: [vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/](https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/)

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Tenant advocates are gearing up for what some fear will be a wave of home evictions.

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## Local

# GOP: CNMI Democrats trample on indigenous rights

The CNMI Republican Party has accused some CNMI Democratic Party lawmakers in the House of Representatives of trampling on the constitutional rights of the indigenous people of the Marianas during a recent hearing by the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

In a statement issued last Thursday, James Ada, president of the CNMI Republican Party, also called the JGO hearing a “politically motivated campaign to sideline the progress of this [Torres-Palacios] administration” and described it as a “blatant misuse of public funds and Legislature resources.”

“[Rep.] Celina Babauta (D-Saipan) and her co-conspirators in this...has once again trampled on the constitutional rights of the indigenous people of the Marianas,” Ada said. “In denying the significance of language to the Chamorro and Carolinian people, Babauta and her Democratic colleagues have demeaned the intentions of our founders and have given themselves up to a colonial mindset that places the indigenous peoples of these islands

as second-class citizens. It is no wonder that the support for this hateful agenda of the Democratic Party is derived from blogs and pundits from Guam and off-island. In trying to stay in the good graces of their party heads and supporters from off-island, the Democratic representatives in the Legislature have disregarded the culture and value of language to the CNMI people.”

Ada was referring to the JGO’s hearing last Wednesday, when Police Lt. Emery Kaipat of the Department of Public Safety’s Boating Safety insisted on testifying in the Carolinian language and on having the questions asked him translated to Carolinian as well. That provoked a lengthy debate at the hearing.

Ada said the hearings are “quite clearly...a spectacle aimed at generating headlines with misleading questions, underlying political motivations, and a concerted attempt to depict hardworking public servants of the CNMI as pawns in their political games. With such bad faith demonstrations over the last several weeks and the tortured attempts by

Democrat lawmakers to spin testimonies, is it no wonder that those testifying want a clear understanding of what they are being asked?

“The people of the CNMI will soon see behind the curtains of this political theater and recognize it for what it is: a stunt to shift focus away from the Democrats’ inability

to properly progress a legislative agenda on the issues that really matter, in favor of scoring political points at the expense of the Governor and the people of the CNMI who need real solutions.

“The Republican Party stands firmly behind those who seek to uphold their culture and their language against

those in the Democrat party who seek to demean our existence and stands proudly behind Governor Ralph DLG. Torres as he actually works for the betterment of all the people of the CNMI.

“This charade has gone long enough. Let’s put an end to the needless expense of millions of taxpayer dollars toward

investigating a \$0.60 bag of Cheetos that was not even reimbursed. The people of the CNMI are being lied to by their Democratic representatives on the purpose of these ‘investigations.’”

The JGO is looking into the expenditures and travels of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who is a Republican. (*Saipan Tribune*)

## \$15K bail for man who allegedly beat adoptive father

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has imposed a \$15,000 cash bail on a 21-year-old man who allegedly beat his adoptive father for no reason.

Last Tuesday, 21-year-old In Won Hwang appeared before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho for a bail hearing on the charges of senior citizen physical abuse, disturbing the peace-domestic violence, assault and battery, false arrest, and vandalism.

Camacho imposed a \$15,000 cash bail on Hwang for these charges and remanded him back to the custody of the Department of Correc-

tions. He was ordered to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 1 at 10am and for his arraignment on Sept. 13 at 9am.

Assistant Attorney General Steve Kessel appeared for the government, while Assistant Public Defender Karie Comstock was appointed by the court to represent the defendant.

According to court documents, a 77-year-old man and his 69-year-old wife called the police after their adopted son, Hwang, assaulted his father at around 4:47pm last Aug. 23.

The couple told police that Hwang had arrived home up-

set and was acting violently toward them.



Camacho

The victims allege that Hwang came into their bedroom and just started throwing things and shouting profanities at them, before punching his father in the arm many times.

When the father tried to leave the room, Hwang allegedly headbutted his father to prevent him from leaving.

The father told police that Hwang had been acting like this every two to three days for the past three years.

The couple said Hwang did not give any reason why he did these things to them and he

was not visibly drunk whenever he acted violently.

The mother, who called the police when she saw Hwang punching her husband multiple times, said Hwang also injured her left hand after slamming her phone on it as she was calling police.

After doing so, Hwang then left their house but the couple claims they were still afraid because their doors could not be locked because Hwang had previously damaged them. Hwang also allegedly threatened to return and hurt them again.

At the scene, police observed that household items were scattered and broken in the bedroom and living room.



## PUBLIC NOTICE for Hospital Dump Site

### Public Information Meeting and Extension of the Public Comment Period

**WHO:** For the local community and public. Presented by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)

**WHAT:** A public meeting to provide an overview of the results of the investigation for the Project named 'Hospital Dump' a Formerly Used Defense (FUDS) site. Based on the results of the investigations, the Government has reviewed the data with Federal, State and local Agencies, and selected the proposed 'No Action' decision.

The proposed 'No Action' decision is based on the conclusions, that the metals found in site soils, (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-8 metals) do not pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. Additionally, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) concentrations in soil above applicable screening levels were successfully removed from the Hospital Dump FUDS site. If after consideration of public comments, this proposed 'No Action' decision is ultimately selected, no further additional investigation, remediation or removal will be performed and USACE will pursue project closeout.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** 22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, P.O. Box 500586, Saipan, MP 96950

**WHY:** To present to the public the Proposed Plan to facilitate public involvement in the decision-making process for the Hospital Dump Site (FUDS Project No. H09CN012001), located at Talofoto, Saipan.

**HOW:** Attend the meeting. To ensure the community's concerns are addressed, the public comment period has been extended from July 20, 2021 to September 30, 2021. In addition, this meeting is being held for the community's attendance. The Proposed Plan and Remedial Investigation Report are available for public review in the Administrative Record file at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Insatto Street, Susupe, Saipan. During this time, the public is encouraged to submit any written comments regarding the project to:

**Project Point of Contact:**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District  
Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental Branch  
ATTN: Lori Wong (PM-HDS)  
Building 230 / CEPOH-PP-E  
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Draft Implementation Framework Wednesday, August 25, 2021

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is seeking public input on a draft framework to implement the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) created by the American Rescue Plan Act. Public feedback on the draft implementation framework will inform the final HAF implementation plan that must be submitted to the United States Department of Treasury to access HAF funding. NMHC anticipates to submit the plan to Treasury by September 30, 2021.

The HAF draft implementation framework is now available for review at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net).

The NMHC will hold a virtual hearing on the HAF draft implementation framework on August 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. See below for additional information about the public hearing. To ensure all interested persons are able to offer comments in the time allotted for the public hearing, each individual must limit comments to no more than two minutes. NMHC is also accepting written comments on the HAF draft implementation framework. Written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on September 3, 2021. Written comments can be submitted directly to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation located in Garapan, Saipan, and also to the Rota and Tinian Field Offices.

Notice of Public Hearing on HAF Draft Implementation Framework:

Date: August 31, 2021  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Access Information: See Zoom Conferencing details on [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net); Facebook: Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Agenda:

- Brief presentation of the HAF draft implementation framework
- Public comments



# Atalig: Potential investors referred to CEDA

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## Kilili endorses Magofna for special poll

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has endorsed the candidacy of former Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s budget officer Corina L. Magofna to the House of Representatives in the upcoming special election for Precinct 3.

In his Facebook account last Thursday, Sablan said that Magofna, who has a finance background, would make a great addition to the Legislature as she understands a balance sheet. "Corina is a smart woman. She's not just any candidate and we

remember seeing her daughter accompanying her to several campaigns in 2020," the delegate said.

The Democratic Party of the NMI central executive committee announced last Tuesday its endorsement of Magofna as the party's candidate for the Oct. 16 special election.

Magofna, 46, was the Democratic Party's Precinct 3 candidate at the November 2020 election. She landed seventh place—just 34 votes shy of securing victory.

She served as CUC's budget officer in the past three and half years. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Accounting from the University of Phoenix and an associate degree in Accounting from the University of Hawaii.

Atalig has disclosed that he has referred to the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority a couple of

Sablan said Magofna is a great role model for women and girls looking to pursue public service. "Her determination to serve is commendable," Sablan said.

He said Magofna will make an excellent legislator and she will be a wonderful addition to the five women already serving the CNMI in the House.

Magofna expressed yesterday her appreciation to Sablan and his wife, Andrea Cunanan Sablan, for their endorsement and support of her candidacy.

Magofna said she will be submitting her nominating petition and candidacy documents this Friday, Sept. 3, at 2pm.

A special election will be held to fill the House's seat left vacant by the sudden passing of representative Ivan A. Blanco.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla Igitol said Thursday that registration for the special election is still ongoing and that the last day to register is Sept. 17. Igitol said absentee voting applications are available online.

The seven-day early voting will start on Oct. 9.

people and organizations who are interested in exploring a new industry in the CNMI.

When asked about how CEDA is doing during a radio press briefing last Friday, Atalig said he has yet to reach out CEDA, but that he knows that the agency is busy working on their processes.

He, however, stated that he is aware of proposals from small businesses and some non-profit organizations that want to benefit from the Small Business loan or grant at the same time, which has encouraged them to explore a new industry or new opportunities that can bring in revenues to

the Commonwealth.

Atalig said he asked them to communicate with CEDA and have them get the ball rolling in getting their ideas come to reality. "And that's what we're looking for. We're looking for small businesses, non-profit organizations that want to help stir up new industries, and then help us bring in new revenue to Commonwealth," he said.

Last June, the Commonwealth Development Authority was renamed CEDA and was tasked with the duty of promoting the CNMI as an investment destination in a bid to diversify the Commonwealth's economy. Rep. An-

gel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) authored the bill that made this happen.

Atalig said it's exciting because the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the CNMI has will be available to spur new industries. He noted that he and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres just got back recently from the Tinian Cattle Association meeting and that the association also had a groundbreaking for their U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved slaughterhouse.

"So we're...putting some money into that industry. Hopefully within a couple of years and for the years going forward, we can...have

a small cattle beef industry," Atalig said.

He said they are hoping that Tinian can sell export-quality grass-fed organic cows not only in the Commonwealth but in Guam and even outside Guam.

"And so that's exciting. And we look forward to that," said Atalig, adding that they also look forward to assisting a lot of agricultural farmers in Rota to focus on that possibility of packaging their items for export.

For Saipan, there is the fisheries industry, he said, and a lot of other industry ideas that have come forward, knowing that funds are available to get this going.



Magofna

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# 'Community has been yearning for the return of 'Taste''

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The hundreds of community members who cut a straight path to the Garapan Fishing Base over the weekend to attend the revived Taste of the Marianas confirms that the CNMI has been yearning for the return of one of Saipan's staple festivals.

In an interview with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla Iakopo, she said she was left speechless by the turnout at the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Annual Taste of the Marianas, which was last held in 2019.

"I'm lost for words because you can very well tell that our community has been yearning for the return of the Taste of the Marianas. The last time we had Taste of the Marianas was back in 2019. We cancelled the annual event in 2020 because of the pandemic," she said.

On all three nights of the festival, (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), traffic stretched for miles at both ends of the Garapan Fishing Base and cars



Despite the new normal for Taste of the Marianas due to COVID-19, members of the community endured the long temperature check line, which stretched out for miles, just to participate in the festivities.

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testing on Aug. 27, respectively. On Aug. 28, CHCC announced that two more incoming travelers were con-

firmed positive for COVID-19. The individuals were identified by travel screening and confirmed through arrival testing on Aug. 27.

In both announcements, CHCC reported that the individuals have been quarantined and are being monitored,



## BRIDGE CAPITAL DONATION

Holly Camacho, Bridge Capital LLC administrative assistant, left, turns over a company donation for the Taste of the Marianas to Community Projects specialist and lead festival coordinator Ray Villagomez of the Marianas Visitors Authority at the Bridge Capital office in Garapan. The MVA hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Taste of the Marianas over the past weekend at the Garapan Fishing Base.

MVA

littered the event's vicinity. Excited community members even endured long lines at concession stands to get a bite of some of the best food the CNMI has to offer.

The Taste of the Marianas is typically held in the month of May but COVID-19 made that uncertain. However, following consultation with the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., MVA was able to push through with the event last weekend.

The MVA did incorporate COVID-19 protocols, including temperature checks at both entrances, placing portable sinks around the festival grounds to encourage hand washing, and masks were required upon entry.

COVID-19 task force officers also patrolled the ground on all three nights to ensure that safety protocols were being followed.

Aside from the safety protocols, the Taste of the Marianas for the most part remained the same in terms of set up, with a beer garden still included in the festivities.

The highlight of this year's festival was the competitions that were held for each day of the festival. The competition held on the first day of the event was the *Escabeche* cook-off, which paid homage to Saipan since the dish is one of the island's



To prevent the spread of COVID-19 during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas festival held last weekend, the Marianas Visitors Authority placed sinks all over event grounds to encourage people to wash their hands.

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delicacies.

On the second night, a *Kadum Pika* cookoff was held in honor of Tinian, the island known best for its deliciously spicy pepper, the Tinian Hot Pepper.

The last night paid tribute to the island of Rota, with MVA hosting a *kamote bunelos* eating competition, with the sweet potatoes imported from Rota specifically for the festival.

"We wanted to bring in a little bit of Saipan, a little bit of Tinian, and a little bit of Rota to this year's Taste of the Marianas," Iakopo said.

The MVA board approved up to \$100,000 to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas but according to Iakopo, thanks to their many generous sponsors, she could confidently say that MVA did not spend the entire amount.

## NMC

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guchi Ruth Makio Architects and Consultants, is slated to begin its first phase with the construction of a new student center. That construction project is expected to break ground within a year.

Some goals of the new facilities master plan include building resilience into the new campus; integrating instruction, research, recreation, and community outreach; providing a robust workforce development facility; and promoting NMC as the destination for education, community, and culture.

Also included in the plans is the development and expansion of Chalan Monsignor Road, spanning the portion of the road starting from the

college and ending near the Iglesia ni Cristo Church. Additionally, in the long-term NMC has expressed interest in partnering with key public and private sector stakeholders to create a "college town" environment around NMC's As Terlaje campus.

In an email Friday, NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero said the completion of the NMC facilities master plan "is an important milestone for NMC as we rebuild the college on all our islands. The facilities master plan will guide the strategic growth of the institution and will ensure that NMC is developed in a manner that meets student and community needs."

The facilities master plans for NMC's Tinian and Rota centers are reportedly now being worked on.

The Board of Regents' special meeting was held last Aug. 17.

## DOL

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demic by processing PUA payments as quickly as possible while simultaneously keeping the integrity of the programs it administers intact," said Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente.

CNMI DOL is still accepting initial applications and weekly claims certification submissions online via Hiremarianas.com or in-person at the DOL building No. 1334 on Capital Hill. The PUA applications and weekly claims certifications will be accepted only up to Oct. 4, 2021, which is when the program will officially end in the CNMI.

The department is reminding PUA applicants that as a condition for receiving PUA benefits, all continuing recipients must conduct three or more work search contacts or activities every week and keep a log or record of the work search contacts.

All individuals with PUA claims inquiries are encouraged to email [info@puamarianas.com](mailto:info@puamarianas.com) or call the following numbers for inquiries on their claims (hours of operation Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm, except on local or federal holidays): 322-8870, 322-8871, 322-8872, 322-8873, 322-8874, or 322-8876.

Additional DOL telephones:

■ Administrative Services 664-3196/322-994

■ Division of Employment Services 664-3190/322-9934/664-3298

■ Enforcement 322-4365/323-9940

■ Benefits Payments Control Unit 322-9943/9944

■ PUA Fraud Hotline 989-9095

■ Administrative Hearing Office 664-3290/3291

■ OSHA 664-3156/3157

■ WIOA 664-1708/1757

For more information, contact the PUA COM Center at the numbers listed or send an email to [info@puamarianas.com](mailto:info@puamarianas.com). (PR)



## Scientists detect earthquake swarm at Hawaii volcano

HONOLULU (AP)—Geologists on Tuesday said they had detected a swarm of earthquakes at Hawaii's

Kilauea volcano, though it is not erupting.

The quakes began overnight and continued into the morn-

ing, The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said.

More than 140 earthquakes were recorded as of

4:30 a.m. The largest was magnitude 3.3. Most were less than magnitude 1.

At the same time as the swarm, scientists recorded changes to the ground sur-

face of the volcano. That may indicate magma was moving beneath the south part of Kilauea's caldera, the observatory said. There's been no evidence of lava at the surface.

The observatory changed its volcano alert level to watch from advisory, meaning Kilauea is showing heightened or escalating unrest with more potential for an eruption.

## CUC ADVISORIES

### Water service interruption on Sept. 1 for portions of Dandan, Obyan and Naftan

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, from 8am to 3pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in Obyan, Naftan and portions of Dandan.

The scheduled water service

interruption is due to the connection of a 6-inch PVC pipe from the new PSV assembly to the existing 8-inch PVC pipe from the San Vicente water tank to the Dandan water tank. Water service to the affected areas will resume soon after the project.

This project is part of the San Vicente Water Tank Replacement Project to provide

a more reliable water system to the people of the CNMI. It is being funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(PR)**

### Power interruption on Thursday

There will be a scheduled power service interruption on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, from 8:30am to 2:30pm for a portion of Dandan. As the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing system maintenance, there will be a scheduled power interruption to de-energize utility lines

such that CUC linemen are able to safely replace rotted wooden power poles to concrete poles along Flame Tree Road in Dandan.

■ Outage type: Sectionalized outage on the Kiya 1 Circuit

■ Project location: Dandan

■ Power service area(s) affected: Portions of Dandan (portions of Flame Tree Road, Holiday Drive, Independence

Loop and Natibu Place).

■ Water well(s) affected: None

■ Wastewater lift station(s) affected: None

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**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION (NMHC)**

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPENING DATE: August 10, 2021 CLOSING DATE: August 25, 2021 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2021-032	Board Secretary	\$25,000.00-\$30,000.00 per annum- Ungraded

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net).

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net).

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net). NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/  
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Corporate Director



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**Amendment No. 1**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

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**NMHC RFP 2021-016**

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: September 01, 2021 **September 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Consulting Services for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program**

The proposal packet is available on August 02, 2021 at the NMHC website at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net) and at [www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com](http://www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com) by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

Inquiries regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing or email to Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer at [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net) and Mr. Robert I. Pangelinan at [drprocurementofficer@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:drprocurementofficer@nmhc.gov.net); or submitted by facsimile to (670)234-9021 no later than 10:00 AM local time on ~~August 13, 2021~~ **September 03, 2021**.

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/9447 or email at [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net) and Mr. Robert I. Pangelinan, CDBG-DR Procurement Officer at [drprocurementofficer@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:drprocurementofficer@nmhc.gov.net) during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/  
Jesse S. Palacios  
Corporate Director  
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

/s/  
Marcie M. Tomokane  
Chairwoman  
NMHC Board of Directors



**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

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**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)**

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**NMHC IFB 2021-018**

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: September 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

**Oleai Sewer Line Replacement Project**

Project package will be available on **August 30, 2021**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is required for the project package. Payment must be by cash, credit card, cashier's check or certified check made payable to NMHC and receipt of payment must be presented in order to obtain the project package.

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.


A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held via video teleconferencing on September 09, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. through Zoom Video Communications. Bidders will be provided the video teleconferencing link on the NMHC website at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net) by clicking on the "Procurement" menu tab or by visiting the [www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com](http://www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com) website. Bidders are encouraged to email the Procurement Officer of their intent to participate in the pre-bid conference via email at [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net) at least one day before the conference. Failure to attend the Mandatory pre-bid conference will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

Bid Security: Bids exceeding \$25,000.00 shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the bid, which maybe a Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the **Northern Marianas Housing Corporation**. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/9447 or email at [officemanager@nmhc.gov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhc.gov.net) during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/  
Jesse S. Palacios  
Corporate Director

/s/  
Merced "Marcie" M. Tomokane  
Chairwoman  
NMHC Board of Directors



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**Board of Trustee Vacancy Announcement**

Vacancy Announcement # 21 - 002

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**Details of this Vacancy:** (To be completed by Nomination Committee Chairperson)

This announcement is to fill the following vacancy for a:

- Saipan Business Representative

For the remaining term set to expire March 11, 2023 .  
(Insert Date)

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**Qualifications for Board of Trustees:**

Qualifications of a Board member consist of the following:

- A legal domiciliary of the CNMI and a U.S. Citizen.
- Of legal adult voting age within the CNMI. In this particular vacancy, the adult must be a registered voter at their respective islands; and
- A demonstrated capacity for representing the CNMI's career and technical training fields relative to meeting the overall purpose of NMTI.

No person may become a Trustee while a CNMI government or NMTI employee, or until one year after the conclusion of CNMI government or NMTI employment.

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**How to submit interest:**

To submit interest to serve on the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees, kindly email a letter of interest and your resume to: [cnmi.nmti@gmail.com](mailto:cnmi.nmti@gmail.com)

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**Due date:** (To be Completed by Nomination Committee Chairperson)

Closing Date: Friday, September 3, 2021



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SURVIVORS' BENEFITS WORKSHOP**

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Honolulu Regional Office will host a Virtual Survivors' Benefits Workshop for Veterans, Family Members, Surviving Spouses, and Community Providers**

**MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021**

- 1:00PM - 3:00PM in HAWAII**
- 12:00PM - 2:00PM in AMERICAN SAMOA**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2021**


- 9:00AM - 11:00AM in GUAM**
- 9:00AM - 11:00AM in CNMI**

**To participate please join us in Cisco Webex by clicking, or copying and pasting the below link into your browser:**

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m6c4335707466764ba0da033e8c5c7c68>

**\*\*DOWNLOAD SLIDES on Friday, August 27, 2021 at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/honolulu/>**

**You can join via Computer, Phone Audio (1-404-397-1596, 1996477897##), or Webex Mobile App. Meeting Password: Pjmc5Cwp@38**



**Survivors' Benefits Workshop Topics:**

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, Survivor's Pension, Survivors' & Dependents' Educations Assistance, Burial and Plot Internment Allowance, Accrued Benefits & Substitution, Home Loan Guaranty, CHAMPVA, & Insurance



# MCS reinstates its annual Activities Fair

With the CNMI now at Level Green in the Community Vulnerability risk scale, Mount Carmel School has brought back academic and extracurricular programs such as the annual Activities Fair.

During the fair last Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, student leaders promoted their student clubs that will be facilitated and guided by MCS employees. As the CNMI progresses into a new normal, Mount Carmel School is eager to

safely bring back more student events in order to provide a well-rounded education for her community. For more information about Mount Carmel School's extracurricular activities, visit [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com).



Celebrating their 25th anniversary, Mount Carmel School's longest running club, the Theatre Club, promoted their upcoming musical, The Sound of Music, during the reinstated MCS Activities Fair.

MCS

Mount Carmel School students in grades seventh through 12th signed up for various student clubs during the reinstated Activities Fair.

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Promoting the school's Catholic identity, Mount Carmel School students launched "Knights of the Altar," which aims to serve the church in all applicable capacities such as lector, altar server, or choir singer.

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During Mount Carmel School's Activities Fair, student leaders like Kiana Propst, left, from the school's Art Club shared the many events they intend to host, including an art exhibit during the school year.

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Many of Mount Carmel School's students signed up for various activities during the reinstated Activities Fair last Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021.

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New student clubs like Knights Can Cook were introduced this school year during the reinstated Activities Fair at Mount Carmel School. Student members of "Knights Can Cook" will be required to hold valid food handlers permits with the guidance of MCS faculty member Norisa SN. Camacho.

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Book Club is a new student club introduced by MCS junior Kina Marie Dela Cruz, left. In the photo, MCS senior Larry Cruz signs up to join a community of readers.

MCS



Many students signed up for Mount Carmel School's longest running student club, Theatre Club. Through the program, students gain theatrical skills including acting, directing, set design, stage management, props design, lighting design, sound design, and costume design.

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K-Town is one of Mount Carmel School's new student organizations introduced by MCS seniors Chris Kim, left, and Sam Ryu, right. K-Town aims to promote and educate peers about Korean culture and serve as a resource of support for international students from South Korea.

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# Transportation is 'biggest hurdle' for co-op program students to overcome

By **JOSHUA SANTOS**

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REPORTER

For some students participating in the CNMI Public School System's Cooperative Education Program, transportation to their job sites is a major challenge, said program coordinator Brandon Nicholas during a presentation to the Rotary Club of Saipan last Tuesday.

Touching on some of the program's challenges and opportunities for growth—one of which is student transportation—Nicholas shared how the program currently fulfills students' need for transportation, and how the program will continue to fulfill this need.

"My students have tremendous goals and aspirations but [for some], these goals and as-

pirations are only as far as they can walk away from home. ...Transportation is something that a lot of my students shared as the biggest hurdle for them to overcome," said Nicholas.

Currently, the program has one student transport van, but Nicholas said that it is currently undergoing repairs and maintenance. In the interim, Nicholas and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute have worked out an arrangement where NMTI lends its student transport van for the program to use.

With NMTI's van, Nicholas said that the program was able to provide transportation for its participating students from Kagman High School during the last month of school last school year. Nicholas expressed his gratitude to NMTI

interim chief executive officer Jodina Attao and her team, and said that the partnership with NMTI may extend into the current semester.

In a phone call with Attao on Wednesday, she said that she, Nicholas, and KHS principal Ben Jones worked out an agreement in April to lend NMTI's student transport van to the Cooperative Education program.

The Cooperative Education Program is an elective class available in all of the CNMI's high schools that aims to point students toward careers within the private and public sectors, preparing the future generation of workers, and in the long-term addressing the CNMI's current labor shortage within the private sector.

## Sablan urges qualified families: Apply now to get advance child tax credit payments

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is urging families with children ages 17 and younger to apply now to receive the advance payment on their 2021 child tax credit.

In his e-kilili newsletter over the weekend, Sablan asked Marianas families to apply now through the Commonwealth's advance child tax credit online application portal. He said the application requires family members' names, Social Security numbers, each qualifying child's date of birth, and the adjusted gross income

from the family's most recent income tax return.


Anyone who cannot reach the online portal may instead download the AdvCTC form available at the Department of Finance Forms Central and submit it directly to the CNMI's Department of Finance, Division of Revenue and Taxation.

Sablan earlier announced that the increased child tax credit included by U.S. Congress in the American Rescue Plan Act in March has now been approved for distribution.

The ARPA, which was passed in the U.S. House of Representatives last March

10, contains the largest child tax credit ever for families. The credit goes from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child for children from age 6 through 17. For children under age 6, the credit is raised from \$2,000 to \$3,600. Any family with two working parents and an income below \$150,000 is eligible for the full credit. Single working parents earning up to \$112,000 are also eligible for the full credit.

Last Friday, Finance launched the advance child tax credit update portal. Finance said advance child tax credit payments will begin August through December 2021.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**MVA-RFP-21-2039**  
For: Marianas Visitors Authority Office Space Lease on the island of Saipan, MP 96950

Submission /Closing Date: **September 09, 2021** Time: **1:00PM (ChST)**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority  
Attn: Procurement Office  
San Jose Professional Building  
Beach Rd., San Jose  
P.O. Box 500861  
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the RFP package on or after **August 26, 2021** at the Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM (ChST), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

The RFP package can be emailed to anyone interested. The request via email must reference "MVA-RFP-21-2039" on the subject line to lmaratita@mymarianas.com

/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo  
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo  
Managing Director, MVA



**A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**(1) HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE COORDINATOR / SHELTER SUPERVISOR**  
**(1) VICTIM HOTLINE COORDINATOR**

For more information, job description and application can be obtained from Karidat Main Office in Chalan Kanoa.


**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:** Completed application form, copy of diploma/degree, resume/bio-data; current police clearance within 6 months and a copy of valid CNMI driver's license.

**NO PHONE INQUIRIES PLEASE.**  
**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 AT 4:00PM**

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Eco Environment, Inc., a CNMI corporation was dissolved on July 15, 2021. Creditors and persons with an outstanding claims against the Company is requested to notify the corporate office as soon as possible.

**Eco Environment, Inc.**  
PMB 1000, P.O. Box 10001,  
Saipan, MP 96920



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
**Office of the Executive Director**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**CUC-RFP-21-016, Rev.1**

**Supply and Commissioning of a 1.5 MW Trailer Mounted Diesel Power Generating Set with Soundproof Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, CNMI**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Supply and Commissioning of a 1.5 Mega Watt Trailer Mounted Diesel Power Generating Set with Soundproof Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3 Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format or USB Drive, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-21-016, Rev.1 Supply and Commissioning of a 1.5 MW Trailer Mounted Diesel Power Generating Set with Soundproof Enclosure for the CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than September 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

Offerors are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.


All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to CUC's Acting Water/Wastewater Manager, Yvonne C. Ogomoro via email address [yvonne.ogomoro@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.ogomoro@cucgov.org), CUC's Power Generation Manager, Richard Cano via email address [richard.cano@cucgov.org](mailto:richard.cano@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC's Senior Administrative Technician via email address [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
**Office of the Executive Director**

**REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**CUC-RAESP-21-037**

**A&E SERVICES FOR TINIAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) & ROTA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) and Environmental Impact Assessment for Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) on Tinian and Rota. The services shall include preparation of the PER as per USDA RUS Bulletin 1780-2, an Environmental Assessment for submittal to the CNMI Coastal Resources Management (CRM) as a Major siting Permit Application.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.*

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RAESP-21-037, A&E Services for Tinian Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) & Rota Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) – Preliminary Engineering Report & Environmental Impact Assessment", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m., (ChST) on September 8, 2021. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.**

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 16, 2021** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Chief Engineer at email [larry.manacop@cucgov.org](mailto:larry.manacop@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
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### EDITORIAL

## The days of consequence-free vaccination refusal are finally ending

**T**he number of major employers—not merely companies but also government entities—now requiring workers to be vaccinated is skyrocketing following the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine. This means the door is closing on holdouts who have ignored science and stubbornly refused to get vaccinated. They now face a stark choice: relent or face big hassles and potential unemployment.

The tide has turned. Responsible Americans who stepped up and got the jab, believing that this was their ticket to pre-pandemic normalcy, have been held hostage by vaccine refuseniks. The latter group's susceptibility to coronavirus infection is causing new infection rates to soar again, clogging hospital intensive care units and overwhelming health care resources.

Because the delta variant has proven far more contagious and capable of penetrating even the defenses of vaccinated people, the new surge in infections has forced even the vaccinated back into varying degrees of pandemic-shutdown mode. Cities and school districts around the country are having to impose unpopular mask mandates.

It didn't have to be this way. Herd immunity would have been possible if more people had responded quickly to government appeals for everyone to get vaccinated. Now, with the coronavirus's ability to mutate into more potent variants and attack the unvaccinated, it'll take much longer to muscle the pandemic back into remission.

It's the vaccine refuseniks who enabled this new surge, so it's only fitting that they should now be forced to reap the consequences of their irresponsibility.

Delta Air Lines, whose brand name shares an unfortunate association with the variant, announced this week that it will impose a \$200 monthly health insurance surcharge on unvaccinated employees. The U.S. military is now requiring all 1.4 million active-duty and reserve service members to get vaccinated. And that makes complete sense when it comes to protecting combat readiness, as demonstrated last year when an outbreak took the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt out of service and forced 4,800 crew members into quarantine.

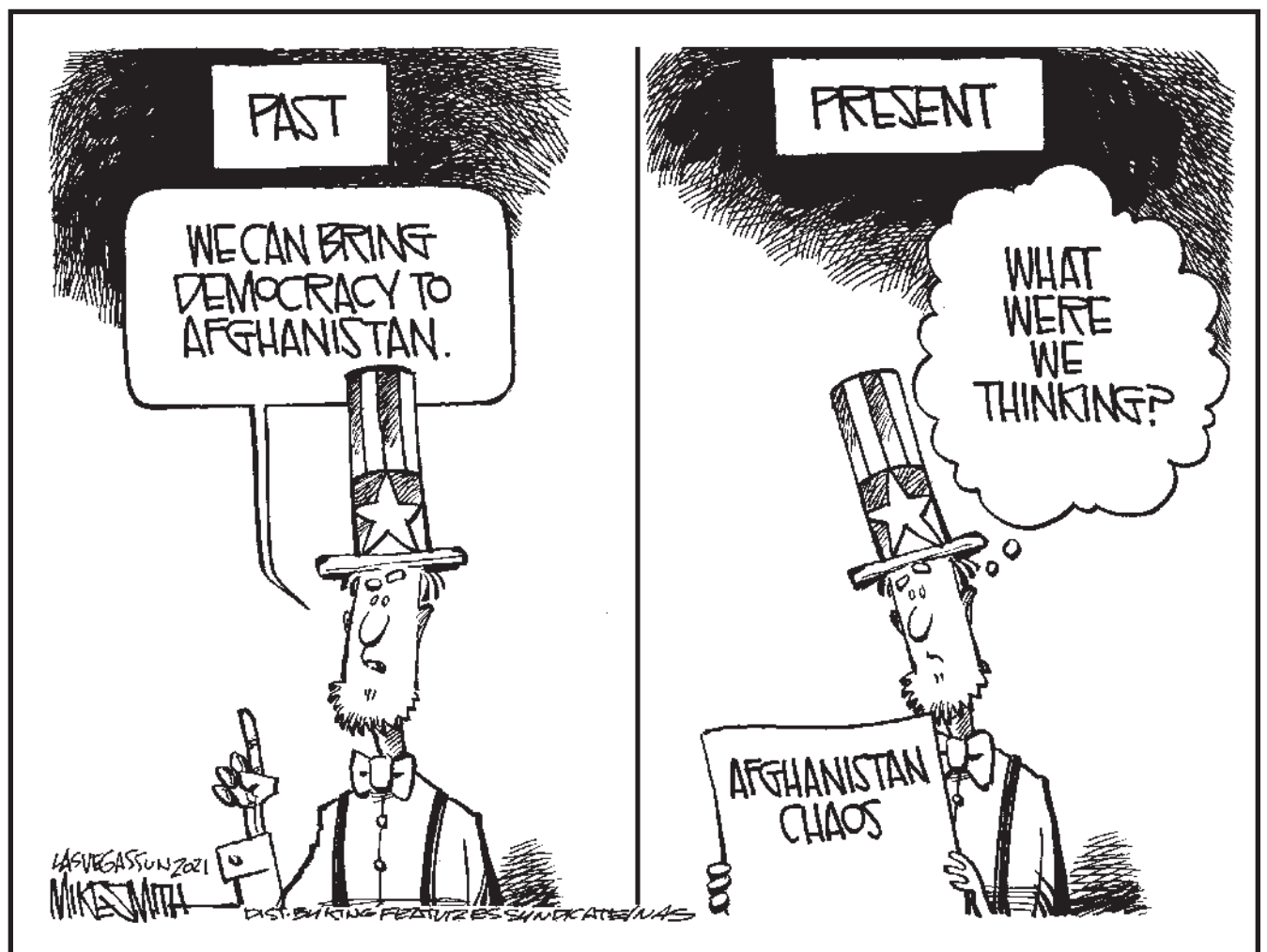
In St. Louis, Mayor Tishaura Jones took the bold decision of requiring all city workers to be vaccinated by Oct. 15 or undergo weekly testing. Other employers are imposing similar mandates—but with the added twist of requiring the unvaccinated to pay for their own testing.

In other words, they can no longer skate by without paying a price.

Insurance companies also are weighing ways to charge higher premiums on the unvaccinated—again making clear that people who behave irresponsibly, endanger their own health and raise the costs of medical care for everyone do not deserve to escape financial penalty for their decision.

Of course, there are always special conditions that employ-

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## Disinformation sowed our failure in Afghanistan

**A**merica's collapsed experiment in Afghanistan is not the first U.S. foreign policy failure built on Disinformation sowed our failure in Afghanistan a dishonest foundation. But if no one pays for peddling the lies that fueled it, it will not be the last.

Disinformation—the deliberate spread of false information with intent to mislead—is a buzzword today in domestic politics, but it has been a quiet driver of U.S. foreign policy for decades. While often used for political manipulation or personal financial gain, it can be well-intentioned, when the peddler thinks dishonesty serves a greater good. But it's dishonest all the same. When governments rely on lies to make decisions, it's no wonder the outcomes are poor.

Respected military and civilian leaders lied to stay the course in Vietnam, to launch a war in Iraq, and to fuel U.S. military operations in Afghanistan for 20 years. Honesty would have led to very different outcomes.

The war in Vietnam dragged on for a decade while official after official, up to Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, publicly claimed progress, knowing full well the situation was deteriorating at heavy cost. McNamara went on to be president of the World Bank, one of many to land a prestigious post in the aftermath and to remain a foreign policy voice in the establishment. The depth of their dishonesty was only revealed with the leak of the Pentagon Papers in 1971, helping precipitate the U.S. exit within two years.

Then there was the Iraq War. The Bush administration's case was based on weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist and connections to the Sept. 11 attacks that were a fiction. Secretary of State Colin Powell made the case in a speech to the UN Security Council, but it was debunked by a Senate Intelligence Committee report within 18 months.

Even so, the war continued for another seven years, with an accompanying reconstruction program that fueled rampant corruption and failed to create a durable military or government, at great U.S. taxpayer expense and the lives of more than 4,400 service members, in addition to about 200,000 Iraqi civilians. The U.S. left in 2011 only to return to a collapsed state two years later to fend off ISIS.

Paul Wolfowitz, undersecretary of defense for policy and one of the war's primary architects knowingly relied on false premises to launch it. Like McNamara, he moved on to be president of the World Bank. Donald Rumsfeld, George W. Bush's secretary of defense, retired in 2006. Although he, too, helped make

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the false case for the Iraq War and personally authorized the use of torture, Rumsfeld remained a popular and credible foreign policy voice until his death earlier this year.

And now Afghanistan. The Washington Post fought a three-year legal battle to bring to light the Afghanistan Papers, which reveal the full scale of dishonesty that disguised the truth of the war. Through three successive administrations, military and White House officials made public proclamations and distorted statistics to give the illusion of progress where they knew there was none.

This dishonesty came at a cost to many. The American people paid \$2 trillion dollars, and 2,448 service members lost their lives, in addition to more than 100,000 Afghan citizens. Nearly 800,000 U.S. service members served in our longest war, and its ignominious end will weigh heavily on them.

As with Iraq and Vietnam, however, those who repeatedly and dishonestly made the case for continuing the fight in Afghanistan have paid no cost for their role. They retain so much credibility that you can see many of them on the Sunday shows now offering harsh critiques of President Biden's drawdown.

Generals Stanley McChrystal and David Petraeus, successive commanders of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, were both part of the ongoing cover-up and landed comfortably and respectably in academia. Petraeus also served as director of the CIA, and his reputation remained intact even after he was forced to resign for sharing classified information with his mistress.

You cannot build good foreign policy on dishonesty. But we keep trying to because no one pays for it. Disinformation in the halls of foreign policy is practically rewarded.

Honest mistakes and failures are expected, but dishonesty shouldn't be. The Biden administration can break this pattern with a public accounting of what went wrong and consequences for those who fueled it.

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## The British empire

**C**enturies before the United States was a major power, England led the world at building a global empire, exploiting foreign civilizations and resources, and producing massive trade arrangements to its advantage.

At one time, England held or possessed nearly 100 different locations and places on earth, resulting in the introduction and practice of English-based legal, linguistic, economic, military, social, and cultural traditions that, to this day, have had lasting effects.

Today, England has lost much of its imperial holdings and relative power while the United States has become an economic, political, cultural, and military center of gravity.

Today, the British Navy is a relatively small organization compared to the American Navy, unable to project and deliver state-sponsored maritime-based violence worldwide to the degree that the American military is able.

### Royal Navy visit to Guam

Recently, the British aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth came to Guam for a visit. The intent of the port visit was to give the crew a break as it continues its long-term multinational journey and military exercise training throughout the Blue Ocean continent and Asiatic regions.

Making an extended visit to Guam has enabled the British to resupply food, water, and materiel, perform a variety of maintenance procedures and dump garbage produced and collected while at sea.

The British are in the general region, making their presence known once again to signal to Asia and Pacific allies that they remain engaged militarily in an area of the planet that represents the largest concentration of people and total wealth worldwide.

The Chinese government is not happy about this.

This maritime effort undertaken by the English Navy is prohibitively expensive for British taxpayers because huge sums of money are required to support a surface ship, aircraft, and submarine fighting force conducting a long-term activity.

The British are also practicing how to operate new fifth generation fighter aircraft that have been sponsored by many nations and production led by the United States.

### British behavior, conquest, and damage to the Blue Ocean continent

The British, like the Americans, have a mixed history when it

comes to past behaviors conducted throughout select areas of the Pacific Ocean.

The British previously conquered and took control of several Blue Ocean continent locations to include the Solomons, Nauru, portions of Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

New Zealand and Australia also have deep English roots stemming from conquest, initial forced relocation, and other English derived actions.

The English were involved in nuclear weapons testing in the Deep Blue Pacific Ocean continent during the last half of the 20th century, outside of Micronesia and mostly in the southern Pacific.

As was the case with the United States, the English did not seek nor did they solicit the prior, written, or formal consent of Pacific Island nations or islander civilizations near selected testing areas prior to engaging in a host of Blue Ocean Continent nuclear tests.

### What this means to our Chamorro Pacific Islander civilization

What all this means to our people in today's environment is that major European powers are most interested in expanding their military-to-military relationships with Pacific Asia nation state powers, including America. It means that the militarization of our Marianas Pacific Island chain will continue to be one of several Deep Blue Ocean continent locations where first nation efforts to prepare for war-related contingencies will ramp up and continue.

What is taking place in our island chain region is also taking place in the Central, Eastern and Northern Pacific Ocean areas and beyond.

Our Deep Blue Ocean continent civilization will see more and more first nation military activities geared toward seeking out and hunting down Chinese, DPRK, and Russian aircraft, submarines, and surface ships.

What this means is that our Pacific Island chain will likely see more military personnel from England and other English-speaking countries on the ground in the foreseeable future.

What we should also expect to see is many first nation militaries, including the British military, to concurrently continue to rebuild, modernize, and replace major weapons of all kinds, whether they be aircraft, submarines, surface ships or unmanned assets.

### RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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The worldwide arms race shows no signs of slowing down, and its first and second order effects have come and will remain present throughout our collective island chain doorstep.

### Pacific Islanders, Atlantic Islanders, and all kinds of interesting oddities

Beyond all things military, there are some interesting attributes that the British and Chamorro people share and do not share.

While we certainly don't have similar outward physical appearances, our Chamorro civilization and the British civilization are centered and associated with interacting on small areas of land surrounded by ocean.

One stark and ever-present difference is that islanders of the Atlantic have long been much more aggressive, expansionist and outright ruthless at times when compared to Pacific Islanders when it comes to the exploitation of foreign peoples and populations, natural resources, social system norms and interpretations of these past behaviors.

Yet when it comes to matters of love for the ocean, fishing, religion, and socializing, Atlantic Islanders and Pacific Islanders are similar in a variety of ways. And as is the case with our Chamorro people, the British population is also very proud of their collective heritage, language, and societal traditions.

Some of our Chamorro families and relatives are descendants of English whalers or tradesmen who passed through the Marianas centuries ago and decided to stay.

Several other Chamorros and villagers living in Guam and on Saipan both past and present have completed university degree programs at places like Oxford University, Cambridge University, and the London School of Economics.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## If it ain't broke, don't fix it

The recent release of the stimulus debit cards is just more proof of how ridiculous our governor can get when it comes to taking care of his people. We were already set up to receive any money from the local or federal government with a net-to-bank or a mailed check but the governor has a mentality of controlling the people, which is why he changed the methodology. The governor implemented a plan that forces everyone to have access to a computer, which is ridiculous for the thousands who don't have this access, which means the governor made it harder for people and not easier. There are also some businesses that do not use the credit card system that denies citizens from accessing these businesses and eliminates these businesses from benefiting from the stimulus card. It seems that the more money we the people get, the more the governor tries to "help others before his own people" and the examples just seem to continue with no end in sight unless we the people realize that we must fire him and Arnold in 2022.

It was on the news the governor is pushing the airport authorities to "come up with new things" and I guess it doesn't

matter what because I hope the board won't just go for anything just because it's new. There are all kinds of schemes being promulgated to take advantage of the COVID-19 conditions throughout the world. We just witnessed it with our governor who was paying three and four times the cost you would pay at Walmart for masks and other COVID supplies, so it's not a leap for someone to try and sell us "COVID-sniffing dogs" when the world is quickly racing to reach herd immunity that will signal the final decline and end of the pandemic with no need for sniffing dogs. The governor's so-called "bubble tourism" burst before it could even get started, as it was an awful plan to start with, that offered no assurances or guarantees. It reminded me of the casino idea. If you believe the governor, South Korean tourists are now our primary market that most of us with common sense know is really nonsense, especially when the bubble has already burst! The governor and his crew are responsible for breaking our tourism industry and don't know how to fix it.

And, please, leave the airport alone governor, as the airport ain't broke, so don't try to fix it. They are doing great without

the governor pushing them to try things just to satisfy his personal intentions. I'm sure the airport authorities have far more important things to consider than "COVID sniffing dogs." I'm just glad that our COVID response is really a CHCC matter, so the governor's only job is to provide the resources.

More than anything, the governor needs to keep in mind to follow the KISS method (Keep it simple, stupid) instead of trying to come up with new ideas like the Northern Island deer thing and bubble tourism. It seems like every time this governor tries to come up with something new, we end up literally paying the cost and suffering the consequences in the loss of our money.

Voters also need to follow the KISS method to avoid electing the same people who got us into this economic, political and social mess with no end in sight! So keep it simple and vote Democrat or we could all be figuratively looking stupid, with a godfather and crew over our government again.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**

*Kagman III, Saipan*

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One option is to establish a public commission to investigate wrongdoing and mete out censures. The government could also step out of the way of others seeking accountability by waiving the qualified immunity held by officials in cases where the government's own investigations have found

them to have lied at substantial costs to the country.

Finally, the U.S. government could subject its officials to external accountability by joining the International Criminal Court. Any of these could prove a deterrent to leaders in the future who might otherwise see dishonesty as the path of least resistance. An airing of the truth and some formal sanction would send the message that there are costs to lying to the American public to keep us at war.

### THE DAYS






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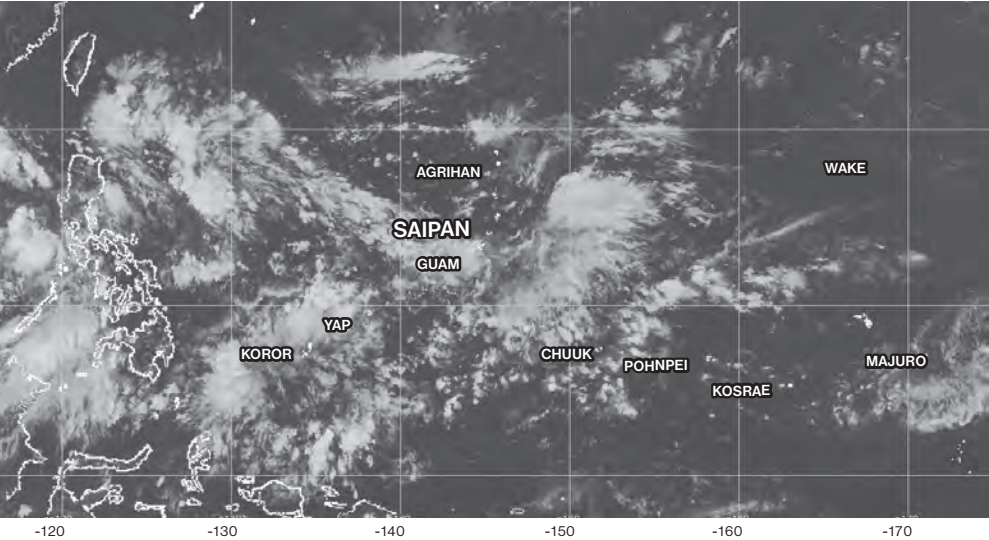
ers are taking into consideration, such as religious restrictions against vaccination or health vulnerabilities that make getting the shot too risky. For the rest, however, the days of hassle-free obstinacy are coming to an end, and rightly so.

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# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	
86°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 8:14 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters this morning. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are not too far to the east, however they are making slow if any westward progress. Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, composed of a 2 to 3 foot trade-wind swell and 2 to 3 foot wind waves. Wave model data indicates there could be traces of north or south swell components.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

### Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Strong thunderstorms	77 / 83 °F	
Palau	Partly sunny	81 / 88 °F	
Yap	Strong thunderstorms	81 / 87 °F	
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	80 / 88 °F	
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	74 / 86 °F	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	76 / 85 °F	
Majuro	Heavy rain	80 / 85 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:29 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:37 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:17 PM	11:50 PM
Tuesday	-	1:08 PM	-
Wednesday	12:36 AM	2:00 PM	-
Thursday	1:25 AM	2:53 PM	-
Friday	2:17 AM	3:44 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Morning clouds	46 / 56 °F	
Beijing	Decreasing cloudiness	73 / 87 °F	
Hong Kong	Heavy rain	80 / 86 °F	
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	74 / 82 °F	
London	Morning clouds	60 / 74 °F	
Los Angeles	Sunny	62 / 85 °F	
Manila	Mostly cloudy	80 / 87 °F	
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	47 / 60 °F	
Miami	Partly sunny	79 / 87 °F	
New York	Partly cloudy	74 / 87 °F	
Osaka	Partly sunny	78 / 94 °F	
Paris	Partly sunny	61 / 76 °F	
Pusan	Partly cloudy	80 / 91 °F	
Rome	Broken clouds	66 / 87 °F	
Salem	Sunny	67 / 90 °F	
San Francisco	Morning clouds	57 / 69 °F	
Seoul	Mostly cloudy	78 / 91 °F	
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	77 / 86 °F	
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	72 / 89 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
7:17 AM	Low Tide	0.46	
2:30 PM	High Tide	1.53	
7:24 PM	Low Tide	1.25	
-	-	-	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	2, 4, 5, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:50am	1, 3, 6
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 6	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	2, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	2, 5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:50am+1	2, 5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 6, 7 via Guam	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:11am+1	3, 6, 7 via Guam
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	2, 5	UA184	9:50pm	4:00am+1	2, 5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	3, 6, 7	UA184	10:25pm	4:40am+1	3, 6, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.				
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021				
SAIPAN TO ROTA				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1202 8:00 8:15 Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	1203 9:00 9:15 Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1204 10:00 10:15 Daily
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	1205 11:00 11:15 Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1206 12:00 12:15 Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1207 13:00 13:15 Temporarily Unavailable
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1208 14:00 14:15 Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	1209 15:00 15:15 Daily
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily	1210 16:00 16:15 Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				1211 17:00 17:15 Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1212 17:00 17:15 Temporarily Unavailable
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	
GUAM TO ROTA				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	



# Group holds one more cleanup before the start of classes

PDM Promoters had one final monthly cleanup last Monday, Aug. 16, just before the school year started.

Cleanup coordinator Sonia Siwa said Saipan Awaodori Team members now have a sense of commitment in taking part in the cleanup since they've been doing it for quite some time.

"We did the cleanup before the school starts so the kids will have time to prepare for their school. Our children are having fun while doing the volunteer cleanup. They feel they have a sense of accomplishment and are happy doing it," she said.

Despite the absence of tourists due to the lack of international flights arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still plenty of trash to pick

up along Paseo de Marianas and its surrounding environs, Siwa said.

"Empty bottles, cans of sodas and beers, cigarettes butts, bits of plastic, Styrofoam, and face masks are the most frequently littered items we find in the area. There were also metals with sharp edges and pieces of glass that are not just unsightly but can be dangerous and may injure passersby," she said.

There was even trash thrown on the empty flower pots at Paseo de Marianas, according to Siwa. "We are asking the cooperation of the public not to dispose of their trash anywhere."

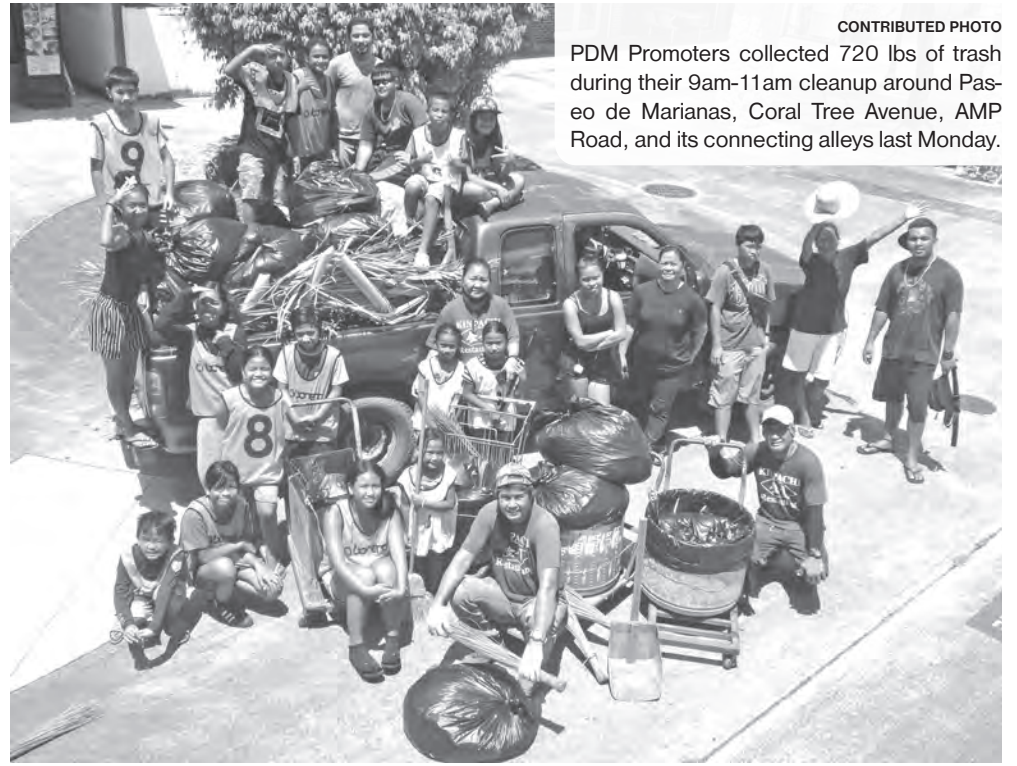
In all, a total of 20 members of Saipan Awaodori Team and seven staff from Kinpachi Restaurant collected 720 lbs of

trash during their 9am-11am cleanup around Paseo de Marianas, Coral Tree Avenue, AMP Road, and its connecting alleys last Monday.

PDM Promoters' monthly cleanups are held every Saturday and are supported by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the non-profit's major sponsors, T-Galleria and TSL Foundation.

Siwa said T-Galleria and TSL Foundation's support enables them to have the cleaning materials needed for their cleanups. Kinpachi Restaurant provides the meal and snacks for volunteers.

Volunteers of PDM Promoters will be at it again in September when it conducts its next monthly cleanup of 2021. *(Saipan Tribune)*



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
PDM Promoters collected 720 lbs of trash during their 9am-11am cleanup around Paseo de Marianas, Coral Tree Avenue, AMP Road, and its connecting alleys last Monday.

## Nominations still being accepted for 2021 Bridge of Light Award

To honor and thank those who have helped victims, survivors, and the community in the movement to end violence in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is seeking nominations for the prestigious Bridge of Light Award.

This award is NMCADSV's annual effort to honor the efforts and accomplishments of one extraordinary individual in the CNMI who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end

domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a "Bridge of Light" for victims and survivors.

Those eligible to be nominated include service providers, first responders, representatives, or volunteers at one or more eligible agencies, organizations or offices in the CNMI. The nominee must have been employed/volunteered for a minimum of one year and/or have demonstrated one or more extraordinary accomplishments to help sustain the movement. The nomi-

nee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership, service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Nominations may be submitted by a victim or survivor; a family member or friend of a victim or survivor; a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organizations, or offices. To verify if

an agency, organization, or office may nominate, contact NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org).

Nominations may be submitted online through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BO-LA2021WebLink>. The deadline to submit a completed nomination form is 11:59pm on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

Those evaluating nominations will consider nominees based only on the information provided on the form. There-

fore, it is strongly encouraged that those nominating provide specific details to thoroughly show why their nominee is deserving of the award.

The recipient of the 2021 Bridge of Light Award will be announced during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Signing Ceremony slated for October. The award recipient will also be presented with the opportunity to attend a retreat or training courtesy of NMCADSV, among other self-care prizes.

Past recipients include Department of Public Safety officer Flora Aguon, Karidat

Social Services executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro, Division of Youth Services social worker Mildred W. Sikebert, Karidat Social Services counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz, Ayuda Network Inc. executive director Diana Camacho, the Attorney General Office victim advocate John Aguon, DYS director Vivian T. Sablan and, most recently, DPS officer Rose Taman Rios.

For more information on the nomination process or sponsorship, contact the NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org). *(PR)*



## Rotaract installs officers, directors, new members

The Rotaract Club of Saipan's new officers for the 2021-2022 Rotaract Year share a group photo with some Rotary Club of Saipan members. The Rotaract Club of Saipan held its 6th Installation and Handover Ceremony last Saturday at Grandvrio Resort Saipan's Fiesta Hall.

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The Rotaract Club of Saipan held its 6th Installation & Handover Ceremony last Saturday at the Grandvrio Resort Saipan's Fiesta Hall. The event featured remarks from Rotary Club of Saipan president Ivan Ilmov, New Generations director Gregory Borja, 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto, and new Rota-

ract president Richard Enrico Baleares.

For the 2021-2022 Rotaract year, the club's president and director of club service is Baleares; vice president is Genelin Anne Camacho; secretary is Keoni Seichi Hosono; treasurer is Josephine Nestor Jetnil; community service director is Lynna Sablan; professional development lead is Simon Jed Necesito; finance director is Hillary Denise Agulto; and

international service lead is Rayna Marayah Sablan.

In his remarks before Rotaract installed its officers and new members, Borja shared that the Rotaract Club of Saipan was recently approved to be recognized as an official Rotaract Club by parent organization Rotary Club International. Borja added that the Rotary Club of Saipan's board of directors approved for the Rotary Club to cover

for Rotaract's membership dues during this time. "I look forward to continue working with you all on your future projects this year, as we try to live by the Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self,'" said Borja Saturday.

In his remarks as Rotaract's new president, Baleares recounted how he first became involved with Rotaract during his time at Saipan Southern High School, and how

he first came in contact with Borja. He also thanked everyone present on Saturday for attending Rotaract's installation ceremony, and thanked all who had supported or contributed to Rotaract's community service efforts.

As for future plans for Rotaract, Baleares briefly mentioned in his remarks plans for a fighting game tournament, plans for the club to adopt and maintain a pavilion, and plans

to install donation drop boxes in stores on Saipan.

Rotaract Club, which is under the Rotary Club International umbrella, seeks to bring young professionals aged 18 and older together through developing leadership and professional skills and performing acts of community service. Also under the Rotary Club International umbrella is Rotary Club, and Interact Club, which is for ages 12-18.



## Business



In this Aug. 4, 2021, file photo, housing advocates protest on the eviction moratorium in New York. AP

## Eviction ban's end will allow pandemic lockouts to resume

**PHOENIX (AP)**—Tenant advocates and court officials were gearing up Friday for what some fear will be a wave of evictions and others predict will be just a growing trickle after a U.S. Supreme Court action allowing lockouts to resume.

The high court's conservative majority late Thursday blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a temporary ban placed because of the coronavirus pandemic. The action ends protections for about 3.5 million people in the United States who say they faced eviction in the next two months, according to U.S. Census Bureau data from early August.

"We are incredibly disappointed in the Supreme Court ruling and ask Congress and Governor (Doug) Ducey to take action to prevent what will likely be tragic outcomes for thousands of Arizona families," said Cynthia Zwick, executive director of the non-profit organization Wildfire that is helping distribute government rental assistance in Arizona.

"Lives are literally at risk as the pandemic continues to surge and families lose their

homes, especially during this time of extreme heat," she said, referring to Phoenix's triple-digit temperatures.

Wildfire is encouraging tenants to keep applying for rental aid and "work with their landlords to develop plans for making payments until the assistance is available," she said.

Ron Book, chairman of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, worries about the thousands of older people who potentially could be affected by about 9,000 pending eviction cases in the county.

Book said he's been trying to find people at risk new places to live, but many haven't taken the situation seriously because the moratorium has been extended numerous times.

But some local officials around the U.S. say the court's action is unlikely to set off the flood of evictions some advocates predict.

Scott Davis, spokesman for the Maricopa County Justice Courts that handle the bulk of Arizona's evictions, said he does not expect anything dramatic overnight. He said how things play out will depend on how landlords and their attorneys decide to handle cases.

"We know that eviction case filings over the last 17 months are down about 50% from pre-pandemic," Davis said. "Some believe there will be a large flood of case activity; others believe it will be just a light sprinkle, which builds gradually over time. Again—it's up to landlords."

Davis emphasized no one can be evicted immediately without due process, and the cases could take weeks to be carried out in the courts.

The Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin said Friday that landlords rarely evict anyone who is only a few hundred dollars behind on rent. It said the average eviction judgment for unpaid rent in Wisconsin is more than \$2,600.

"Contrary to dire predictions by tenant advocates, there will NOT be a 'tsunami' of eviction filings in Wisconsin or in most parts of the country," the landlord trade association said. "There will NOT be 11 million people suddenly made homeless."

The court's action does not affect the temporary bans on evictions placed by a handful of states, including California.

## Amazon to offer buy-now-pay-later option

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Amazon is teaming with payments company Affirm to offer online shoppers a buy-now-pay-later option that does not involve credit cards.

San Francisco-based Affirm Holdings Inc. announced Friday that its flexible payment service will soon be available on Amazon.com.

The news sent Affirm's stock up more than 35% in after-hours trading.

With the service, Amazon customers can split the total cost of purchases of \$50 or more into monthly payments, and are told the total cost of the transaction up front. Affirm said there are no late fees.

Affirm said the two companies are testing the service with a group of customers and that it will be more broadly available in coming months.

Earlier this month, digital payments company Square Inc. acquired Afterpay, which provides a buy-now-pay-later option for merchants.

Installment plans are popular with retailers because they encourage customers to spend more money. And they enable customers with insufficient funds or credit at the time of purchase to walk out of a store—or check out online—with the item they want.

## Nation

## Biden: Second attack likely, pledges more strikes on IS

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—President Joe Biden has vowed to keep up airstrikes against the Islamic extremist group whose suicide bombing at the Kabul airport killed scores of Afghans and 13 American service members. He warned another attack was "highly likely" and the State Department called the threat "specific" and "credible."

The Pentagon said the remaining contingent of U.S. forces at the airport, now numbering fewer than 4,000, had begun their final withdrawal ahead of Biden's deadline for ending the evacuation on Tuesday.

After getting briefed on a

U.S. drone mission in eastern Afghanistan that the Pentagon said killed two members of the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate early Saturday, Biden said Saturday the extremists can expect more.

"This strike was not the last," Biden said in a statement. "We will continue to hunt down any person involved in that heinous attack and make them pay." He paid tribute to the "bravery and selflessness" of the American troops executing the hurried airlift of tens of thousands from Kabul airport, including the 13 U.S. service members who were killed in Thursday's suicide

bombing at an airport gate.

The evacuation proceeded as tensions rose over the prospect of another IS attack. The State Department issued a new security alert early Sunday morning Kabul time instructing people to leave the airport area immediately "due to a specific, credible threat."

"Our commanders informed me that an attack is highly likely in the next 24-36 hours," Biden said, adding that he has instructed them to take all possible measures to protect their troops, who are securing the airport and helping bring onto the airfield Americans and others desperate to escape Taliban rule.

## Hurricane Ida forecast to strengthen

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Forecasters warned residents along the northern Gulf of Mexico coast to rush preparations ahead of Hurricane Ida, which is expected to rapidly intensify and bring winds as high as 130 mph (209 kph), life-threatening storm surge and flooding rain when it slams ashore Sunday in Louisiana.

The National Hurricane

Center warned that super-warm Gulf waters are expected to soon rapidly magnify Ida's destructive power, boosting it from a Category 2 storm to an extremely dangerous Category 4 hurricane in just 18 hours or less. Landfall was expected Sunday afternoon.

Coastal highways saw heavy traffic Saturday as people moved to escape the storm's path. Trucks pull-

ing saltwater fishing boats and campers streamed away from the coast Interstate 65 in south Alabama. Traffic jams clogged Interstate 10 heading out of New Orleans.

"We're going to catch it head-on," said Bebe McElroy as she prepared to leave home in the coastal Louisiana village of Cocodrie. "I'm just going around praying, saying, 'Dear Lord, just watch over us.'"



The Caldor Fire burns above the South Fork of the American River in the White Hall community of El Dorado County, Calif., on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021. AP

## Crews battle to protect Lake Tahoe from wildfire

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP)**—Firefighters faced a critical day in efforts to prevent a massive California wildfire from reaching the Lake Tahoe resort region Saturday, hoping to take advantage of calmer winds before hot, heavy gusts return.

The Caldor Fire churned through mountains just southwest of the Tahoe Basin, cloaking much of the area in toxic smoke and sending tourists packing at a time when summer vacations would be in full swing ahead of the Labor Day weekend.

A favorable turn in weather Saturday afternoon allowed firefighters to make progress and increase containment of the Caldor Fire to 19%, up from 12% the day before, said Capt. Stephen Horner, a Cal Fire spokesman for the Caldor Fire. The fire so far has burned about 149,000 acres, or 233 square miles (603 square kilometers).

"It's going to be a very pivotal day for us," Horner said.

The fire's eastern edge was about 7 or 8 miles (11 or 13 kilometers) from the city of South Lake Tahoe and did

not advance much overnight thanks to operations known as "backfiring," where firefighters get ahead of the blaze and burn up fuel so the fire has nothing to ignite, Horner said.

"They did backfiring operations that were nothing short of amazing last night in that area," Horner said.

Wind gusts were forecast for early Saturday up to 35 mph, but they tapered off with slower, weaker winds expected through the rest of the weekend, Cal Fire incident spokesman Henry Herrera said.



# World

## American forces keep up airlift under high threat warnings

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—American forces working under heightened security and threats of another attack pressed ahead in the closing days of the U.S.-led evacuation from Afghanistan after a devastating suicide bombing, and U.S. officials said they had killed a member of the extremist group that the United States believes responsible for it.

A U.S. drone strike early Saturday in eastern Afghanistan killed a member of the country's Islamic State affiliate, U.S. Central Command

said. President Joe Biden has laid responsibility for Thursday's suicide bombing on that offshoot extremist group which is an enemy both to the West and to Afghanistan's Taliban and is known for especially lethal attacks.

The death toll in Thursday's suicide bombing rose to 169 Afghans, a number that could increase as authorities examine fragmented remains, and 13 U.S. service members.

U.S. Central Command said American officials believed the militant killed in Saturday's drone strike had been involved in planning strikes



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against the United States in Kabul, and that there were no other known casualties.

The U.S. retaliation comes amid a steady flow of grim

<sup>AP</sup> Families evacuated from Kabul, Afghanistan, walk through the terminal before boarding a bus after they arrived at Washington Dulles International Airport, in Chantilly, Va., on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021.

warnings from the White House and the Pentagon that there could be more extremist attacks targeting U.S. forces ahead of President Joe Biden's fast-approaching deadline Tuesday to end the airlift and withdraw American personnel.

The next few days "will be our most dangerous period to date" in the evacuation, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said, hours before the U.S. issued a security alert for four of the airport gates.

Thursday's bombing marked one of the most lethal attacks the country has seen. The U.S. said it was the deadliest day for American forces in Afghanistan since 2011.

As the call to prayer echoed Friday through Kabul along with the roar of departing planes, the anxious crowds thronging the airport in hope of escaping Taliban rule appeared as large as ever, despite the scenes of victims lying closely packed together in the aftermath of the bombing.

## US airlifts food, tents to quake-ravaged southern Haiti

**JEREMIE, Haiti (AP)**—U.S. military aircraft are now flying food, tarps and other material into southern Haiti amid a shift in the international relief effort to focus on helping people in the areas hardest hit by the recent earthquake to make it through hurricane season.

Aircraft flying out of the capital, Port-au-Prince, arrived throughout the day Saturday in the mostly rural, mountainous southern peninsula that was the epicenter of the Aug. 14 earthquake. In Jeremie, people waved and cheered as a Marine Corps unit from North Carolina descended in a tilt-rotor Osprey with pallets of rice, tarps and other supplies.

Most of the material, howev-

er, wasn't destined for Jeremie. It was for distribution to remote mountain communities where landslides destroyed homes and the small plots of the many subsistence farmers in the area, said Patrick Tiné of Haiti Bible Mission, one of several groups coordinating the delivery of aid.

"They lost their gardens, they lost their animals," Tiné said as he took a break from helping unload boxes of rice. "The mountains slid down and they lost everything."

At the request of the Haitian government, getting as much help to such people as fast as possible is now the focus of the \$32 million U.S. relief effort, said Tim Callahan, a disaster response team leader

for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In the immediate aftermath of the magnitude 7.2 earthquake, which killed more than 2,200 people and damaged or destroyed more than 100,000 homes, the focus was on search and rescue.

That was complicated by heavy rain from Tropical Storm Grace as well as earthquake damage to roads and bridges, in an area where the infrastructure was in bad shape to begin with.

The threat of gangs, in a country still reeling from the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moise, also made it hard to distribute aid. As a result, many Haitians had grown increasingly impatient with relief efforts.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Unwanted record: Russia's COVID deaths hit new high in July

**MOSCOW (AP)**—A new report from Russia's state statistics agency shows the country recorded a record number of deaths in July of people infected with coronavirus. The report from the Rosstat agency said 50,421 people suffering from COVID-19 died during the month, sharply higher than the previous record of 44,435 in December. However, the agency said in the report that only 38,992 deaths were directly attributed to the disease. In another 5,206 deaths, the virus was assessed as likely the main cause but that more investigation would be needed; in 1,449 other cases, the virus contributed to the deaths but was not the main cause. Rosstat said the other 4,844 deaths of infected people were not connected to the virus. The report said the total of virus-related deaths in Russia by the end of July was 215,265—well higher than the 180,840 cited by the national coronavirus task force. Russian officials ascribe that to different counting methods, saying the task force only includes deaths where COVID-19 was the main cause.

#### Final UK evacuation flight leaves Kabul; troops head home

**LONDON (AP)**—British troops left Kabul on Saturday, ending the U.K.'s evacuation operation and its 20-year military involvement in Afghanistan. Prime Minister Boris Johnson praised the "heroic" evacuation effort, even as the government acknowledged some eligible Afghan civilians had been left behind. The U.K.'s top military officer conceded that "we

haven't been able to bring everybody out." The U.K. government said late Saturday that about 1,000 troops who ran an airlift of British nationals and Afghan civilians had departed from Kabul airport, hours after the final evacuation flight for civilians. Most countries apart from the United States had already left. Before departing, Britain's ambassador to Afghanistan, Laurie Bristow, said from Kabul airport that it was "time to close this phase of the operation now."

#### Taliban guard airport as most NATO troops leave Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Taliban forces sealed off Kabul's airport Saturday to most Afghans hoping for evacuation, as the U.S. and its allies were ending a chaotic airlift that will end their troops' two decades in Afghanistan. Western leaders acknowledged their withdrawal would mean leaving behind some of their citizens and many locals who helped them over the years, and they vowed to try to continue working with the Taliban to allow local allies to leave after President Joe Biden's Tuesday's deadline to withdraw from the country. Although most of its allies had finished their evacuation flights, the U.S. planned to keep its round-the-clock flights going until the deadline, saying 113,500 people had been evacuated since Aug. 14, the day before the Taliban claimed Kabul. Biden warned Saturday that commanders had told him another attack was "highly likely in the next 24-36 hours," and the U.S. Embassy issued a new warning early Sunday for all Americans to avoid the airport area entirely.

### IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE



*†Antonio Santos Reyes*



Affectionally known as "Toru/Tony"  
Born on August 24th, 1964 and sailed to his new home in Paradise on Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at the age of 57.

Journeying through the gates of Paradise, **†Antonio** is welcomed and greeted by his parents **†Esteban A. & †Carmen S. Reyes**, his parents-in-law **†Jose A. & †Theresita R. Manalo**, his brothers **†Edward S. Reyes, †Manuel S. Reyes, †William S. Reyes & †Calisto C. Mafnas**, his sisters **†Maria Lisa R. Camacho & †Diana R. Sasamoto**, his brother-in-law **†Pedro B. Camacho**, his nieces **†Janice M. Reyes & †Kimberly Ann D. Takai**, his nephews **†Earl Bernard T. Reyes & †Randall Thomas R. Matsunaga**, and his god mother **†Soledad L. Babauta**.

#### His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Isabella M. Reyes

#### Children, Spouse & their Families:

**Anniebell M. Reyes** & Franklin Manglona  
Nathan Robert, Honeyka Isadel, Ha'ane Isabella, Hannah Isabel, Ha'leiya Delia Ann, Rayvin John & Rae'ani Faith  
**Joseph Steven M. Reyes** & Desia S. Muna  
Breanna & Liam Joseph  
**Zachary M. Reyes** & Chantelle Jezina T. Cruz  
Ayden Frankie, Abriana Jezina & Alaina Carmen

#### Siblings, In-Laws & their Families:

**Ramon S. & Maria Reyes** and Children  
**David S. & Dolores Reyes** and Children  
**Juan S. & Florentina M. Reyes** and Children  
**Esteban S. Reyes & Yolanda Manibusan** and Children  
**Florence R. & George Fleming** and Children  
**Virginia S. Reyes & Paul A. Castro** and Children  
**Lilian S. Reyes & Lester Van Meter** and Children  
**Andrew S. Reyes**  
**Richard S. & Haydee A. Reyes** and Children  
Children of **†Maria Lisa R. & †Pedro B. Camacho**  
Children of **†Edward S. Reyes**  
Children of **†Manuel S. Reyes**  
Children of **†Diana R. & Jose C. Sasamoto**  
Children of **†William S. Reyes**

**Carmen C. Mafnas & Joaquin Dela Cruz** and children  
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**Lourdes C. Mafnas** and children  
**Frances C. Mafnas & George Pangelinan** and children  
**Remy C. Mafnas & Butch Wolf** and children  
**Jose C. Mafnas & Patricia C. Mafnas** and children  
**Rosa C. Mafnas & Joseph M. Sablan** and children  
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**Norman R. Manalo & Monica S. Manalo** and children  
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**Deanna R. Manalo & George Torres** and children  
**Jeffery R. Manalo & Rose C. Manalo** and children

#### God Parents:

Juan L. Babauta  
†Soledad L. Babauta

For the repose soul and memory of **†Antonio**, masses of intention are being offered on:

**Wednesday, 08/25**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church  
**Thursday, 08/26**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church  
**Friday, 08/27**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church  
**Saturday, 08/28**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church  
**Sunday, 08/29**  
10:30am at Santa Soledad Church  
**Monday, 08/30**  
6:00pm at San Vicente Parish  
**Tuesday, 08/31**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church  
**Wednesday, 09/01**  
6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church

†Antonio will be with us for the last time on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. His remains will be escorted from the Borja's Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 8:00am. Responso Service will commence upon arrival, followed by viewing and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed immediately with the Rite of Committal at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be laid to rest in peace.

Please wear masks and observe social distancing.

Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort & presence are sincerely appreciated.

*Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Thank You,*

*Isabella Manalo Reyes, Children & Family*

Children of the Late  
**†Esteban A. & †Carmen S. Reyes & Family**

†Antonio will also be dearly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, extended families and friends.



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The right way to get your body flexible

By JASON HOWLAND  
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

Muscle flexibility is important for your body. But according to sports medicine experts at Mayo Clinic, the old way of stretching before you exercise isn't the right approach.

"Having flexible muscles and mobile joints can help reduce your overall injury risk. But it can also help improve your performance," says Dr. Chad Asplund, a Mayo Clinic sports medicine physician. Stretching those muscles is a good way to increase flexibility, but

there's a common mistake many people make. "The old stretching before you work out has actually been shown to increase the rate of injuries," says Asplund. "And paradoxically, regular stretching done when the muscles are warm, such as after you work out,



over the long term will make your muscles more flexible and lower your injury risk." Rather than stretching before you exercise, do a dynamic warmup instead, such as running in place, jumping jacks or leg lifts. "Things where you're engaging the muscles, but you're moving them. And you're getting them warm gradually as you progress into your workout," says Asplund. And then after the workout, perform stretches, which lengthen the muscles by placing them under tension. "If you think about having a rubber band, if you have a really short rubber band and you yank it really hard, it's much more likely to tear than if that rubber band is a little bit longer," says Asplund.

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Back to school, teens and depression

By LAUREL KELLY  
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With many teens heading back to school, peer pressure and academic expectations are once again a reality. These added pressures can cause ups and downs during what can be an already tumultuous time of life. For some teens, though, the lows are more than just temporary feelings. They're symptoms of depression. Teen depression is a serious mental health problem. It affects how teenagers think, feel and behave, and it can cause emotional, functional and physical problems. Although depression can occur at any time in life, symptoms can differ between teens and adults. Signs and symptoms a teen may be depressed include a change in his or her previous attitude and behavior that can cause significant distress and problems at school or home, in social activities, or in other areas of life. These signs and symptoms can include:



- Feelings of sadness, which can include crying spells for no apparent reason.
- Frustration or feelings of anger, even over small matters.
- Feeling hopeless or empty.
- Irritability or annoyed mood.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities.
- Loss of interest in, or conflict with, family and friends.
- Low self-esteem.
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt.
- Fixation on past failures, or exaggerated self-blame or self-criticism.
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection

or failure, and the need for excessive reassurance. ■ Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions and remembering things. ■ Ongoing sense that life and the future are grim and bleak. ■ Frequent thoughts of death, dying or suicide. Treatment depends on the type and severity of a teenager's depression symptoms. A combination of talk therapy and medication can be effective for most teens with depression. If a teen has severe depression or is in danger of self-harm, he or she may need a hospital stay or may need to participate in an outpatient treatment program until symptoms improve. While antidepressant drugs often effectively treat depression and anxiety in children and teenagers, their use in children and teens must be monitored carefully, as rarely there can be severe side effects. Antidepressants carry a Food and Drug Administration black box warning about a risk of increased suicidal thinking and behavior in some people under 25.

HEALTHY LIVING

How not to cook broccoli

Microwaving broccoli can destroy beneficial flavonoid chemicals, as well as some of the vegetable's nutrients, in particular vitamin C and folate.

Flavonoids left after...	
Steaming	100%
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Source: Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture, TNS Photo Service



# Life & Style

## ‘Dune’ and A-listers all set to launch from Venice film fest

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
AP FILM WRITER

Director Denis Villeneuve has been to the world's top film festivals, from Cannes to Toronto, but Venice holds a special spot.

"It's definitely the most elegant," Villeneuve said.

And, perhaps more importantly, it's also brought him "a lot of luck in the past." The festival hosted his 2010 film "Incendies" and the 2016 premiere of "Arrival," both of which went on to be nominated for Oscars.

It's no surprise then that Venice was where he wanted to debut his most ambitious film yet, "Dune," an adaptation of Frank Herbert's science fiction classic with an all-star cast led by Timothée Chalamet.

"Dune" is just one of the high-profile premieres coming to 78th Venice International Film Festival, which begins Wednesday on the



This combination of photos shows, from left, Timothée Chalamet and Rebecca Ferguson in a scene from "Dune," Benedict Cumberbatch in a scene from "The Power of the Dog," Oscar Isaac in a scene from "The Card Counter," and Jodie Comer in a scene from "The Last Duel." **AP**

Lido with new films from acclaimed directors like Jane Campion, Ridley Scott, Pedro Almodóvar, Paolo Sorrentino, Paul Schrader and Edgar Wright and a roster of A-list celebrities including Ben Affleck, Kristen Stewart, Penelope Cruz, Kirsten Dunst, Zendaya, Adam Driver and Oscar Isaac expected to grace the famed red carpet outside the Palazzo del Cinema.

After being the only major festival to be held in person last year, Venice is once again

kicking off a fall film festival season that's not exactly normal yet, but closer than it was last year. Telluride follows quickly, on Sept. 2, before the Toronto International Film Festival kicks off on Sept. 9.

In the past decade under the direction of Alberto Barbera, Venice has also reestablished itself as a top launching pad for Oscar hopefuls, and has hosted the world premieres of eventual best picture winners like "Birdman," "Spotlight," "The Shape of Water" and

"Nomadland."

This year may be no exception. Among the 21 films competing for the Golden Lion are Campion's "The Power of the Dog," based on a 1925 novel about brothers in Montana (Benedict Cumberbatch and Jesse Plemons) who encounter a widow and her son (Dunst). It's Campion's first feature since 2009 and a bit of a homecoming—her Janet Frame biopic "An Angel at My Table" won runner up at the festival in 1990.

Also vying for the prize is Schrader's "The Card Counter," starring Isaac as a former military interrogator who now spends his days playing poker at seedy casinos. Schrader was once a Cannes mainstay, but, he said, "They stopped inviting me for reasons unknown."

"When this came around, I said, why even flirt with being rejected by Cannes? Let's just go to Venice," Schrader said. "Venice has been working very hard to heighten their profile and be the starting

weekend of the award season that is coming back. And so that has given them a leg up that they haven't had before."

Maggie Gyllenhaal is premiering her first feature, "The Lost Daughter," in competition. The adaptation of Elena Ferrante's 2008 novel about a divorcee rediscovering herself without her children stars Olivia Colman and Jessie Buckley.

"It's hard to think of words for it," Gyllenhaal said of being in the same category as filmmakers like Campion and Almodóvar, whose film "Parallel Mothers" opens the festival. "It's pretty incredible."

Other buzzy films in competition include Pablo Larraín's "Spencer," starring Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana, Paolo Sorrentino's "The Hand of God," inspired by the director's own coming-of-age story, and Ana Lily Amirpour's "Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon," with Kate Hudson.

## Parents must pay \$30,441 for getting rid of son's porn cache

**GRAND HAVEN, Mich.** (AP)—A judge has ordered a western Michigan couple to pay \$30,441 to their son for getting rid of his pornography collection.

U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney's decision this week came eight months after David Werking, 43, won a lawsuit against his parents.

He said they had no right to throw out his collection of films, magazines and other items. Werking had lived at

their Grand Haven home for 10 months after a divorce before moving to Muncie, Indiana.

The judge followed the value set by an expert, MLive.com reported. Werking's parents also must pay \$14,500 to their son's attorney.

After moving to Indiana, Werking learned that his possessions were missing.

"Frankly, David, I did you a big favor getting rid of all this stuff," his dad said in an email.

## Time's Up CEO Tina Tchen resigns in wake of Cuomo scandal

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The chief executive of the sexual harassment victims' advocacy group Time's Up resigned Thursday amid outrage over revelations that its leaders advised former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration after he was first accused of misconduct last year.

Time's Up CEO and president Tina Tchen said in a statement that she's "spent a career fighting for positive change for women" but was no longer the right person to lead the #MeToo-era organization.

"I am especially aware that my position at the helm of TIME'S UP has become a painful and divisive focal point, where those very women and other activists who should be working together to fight for change are instead battling each other in harmful ways," she wrote.

The group's chief operating officer, Monifa Bandele, will serve as interim CEO.

Tchen's resignation comes after the Aug. 9 departure of



Tchen

the organization's chair, Roberta Kaplan. Both women had been the target of ire from Time's Up supporters over the idea they had offered any help to Cuomo, who resigned Monday, three weeks after an investigation overseen by New York's attorney general concluded he sexually harassed at least 11 women.

The report detailed Cuomo's attempt to discredit his first public accuser, Lindsey Boylan, after she accused

him last December of making inappropriate comments, but before she explicitly detailed allegations of unwanted touching and kissing.

Text messages obtained by The Washington Post show that Tchen initially discouraged other Time's Up leaders from making any public comment about Boylan's allegations. Later, top Cuomo aide Melissa DeRosa asked Kaplan—her attorney—to review a letter the governor's supporters intended to circulate attacking Boylan's credibility.

## Dad encourages teen to drink before heading to college

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents have been divorced since I was little, but I still visit Dad often, especially now that I'm fully vaccinated. What's causing the problem is I am leaving for my first year of college. Dad has been offering me alcohol while I'm at his house. I would be lying if I said I have never accepted a drink when he offered one, mainly out of curiosity. My mom, however, fervently believes I shouldn't touch alcohol until I'm 21. (I'm 19 now.)

I don't want to disappoint her because she's very strong in her opinions about it. But I also don't want my first alcohol experiences to happen states away from either parent while I'm at college. Dad shares this sentiment, but he pushes me to drink more often than I am comfortable with. Thankfully, when I tell him, he'll stop for the night.

I'm not sure which of my parents' sides I should take—don't drink at all to make Mom happy, or drink with Dad and try to hide it to avoid the consequences. I know hiding things isn't good. Mom will eventually find out. But I think it's ridiculous to swear off drinking before going to college, where alcohol is around every corner. What do you think?

**ANXIOUS ABOUT ALCOHOL IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** In the state of Georgia, it is against the law for someone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol. By pressing you to drink, your father is breaking the

law. Some parents feel that allowing a minor to drink AT HOME "takes the mystery out of it" for their teenager. The problem is, in some young people it creates an appetite for alcohol that can lead to lifelong drinking problems. We have all read about the tragic consequences of binge drinking among some college students. Listen to your mother. She's right, and your father is misguided.

■ ■ ■ ■

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm married to a wonderful, caring man who is normally pretty sensitive and savvy. I work long hours. Because "Carl" is retired, he does most of the cooking, for which I'm grateful. What he does NOT do is share the TV.

When I come home after a tough day at the office from a job filled with heavy responsibilities, he expects me to watch political YouTube videos with him. If it's not that, then it's woodworking or some other hobby of HIS. I have tried going into another room and watching TV there, but if I do, Carl gets hurt feelings. If I play on my phone, then I'm not attentive enough.

I love him, but I have to have some time to just relax and unwind from the load I carry. He won't watch what I want to watch—ever. It has to be his way or nothing. I can't believe that in 2021 I have this issue with a man. Please help.

**CAN'T WIN IN ARKANSAS**

**DEAR CAN'T WIN:** I will try. Your husband may be re-

### DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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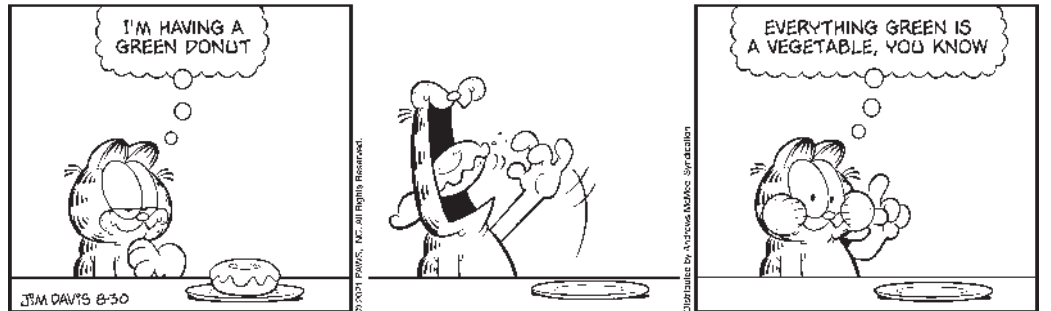
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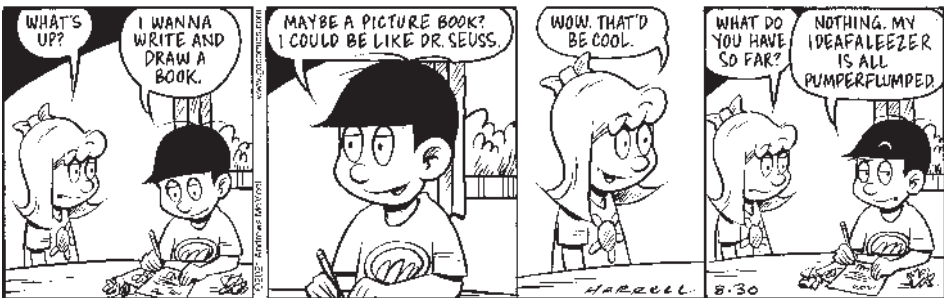
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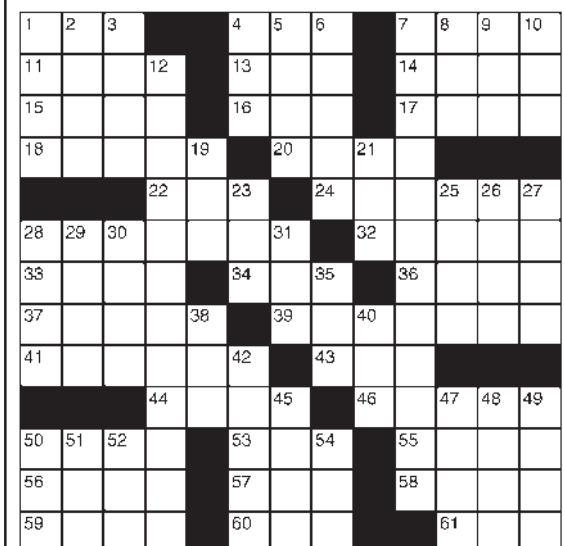
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You've got the means to do for yourself and to make a difference. Dive in headfirst. Prepare and organize your thoughts and plans. Do what stimulates your mind, body and soul, and don't look back. Romance is on the rise. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Question anything or anyone that confuses you. Look for the best route, and take pride in doing the work yourself. Don't let the changes others make lead you down a rabbit hole. Think and do for yourself, and you'll excel. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A receptive attitude will put others at ease and encourage talks regarding sensitive issues. Much can be accomplished if you put thought into how you want things to unfold. Use your intelligence, and you will ward off interference from jealous challengers. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put more thought into how you want to portray what you have to offer. Taking a unique approach will grab attention and quickly give in-

sight into who's supportive. Don't wait for someone to step up; act now. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Get in touch with someone you know you can count on for good advice. Discussions will encourage a working relationship that will benefit everyone involved. Speak from the heart, and you'll persuade anyone sitting on the fence to participate. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Spend more time learning and formulating the best way to get ahead. A change of pace, beliefs or direction will raise your morale but stifle your free time momentarily. Weigh the pros and cons before signing up for something time-consuming. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Conversations will be informative and help you realize your potential. Doing the best with what you have will encourage others to try harder. A group effort will challenge anyone who opposes what you are trying to accomplish. Self-improvement is favored. ★★★★★

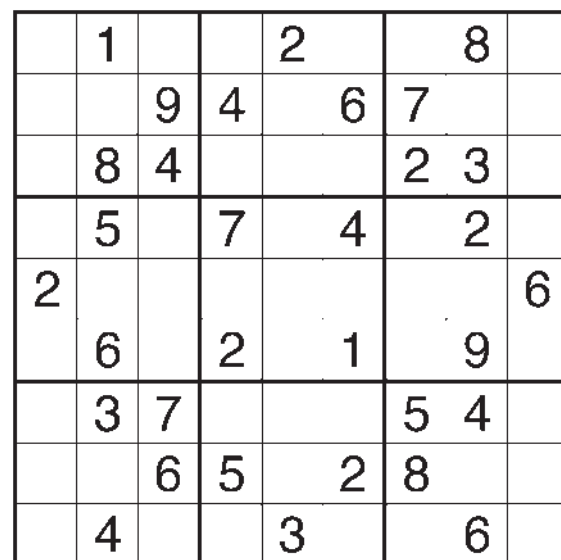
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put your thoughts in motion. Listen to suggestions; don't disregard any expert, friend or older relative. Having a broad view of what's possible will help you maintain leverage over the outcome of any event or situation you encounter. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Perk up and enjoy what life has to offer. A positive attitude will get you the support you need to follow through with your plans. An opportunity is beneficial only if appropriately handled. Follow your instincts, not someone else's. ★★★

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By Dave Green



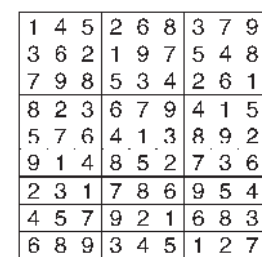
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A realistic approach to health, fitness and education will ward off illness and poor judgment. An emotional scene over shared expenses or imbalanced or negative partnerships is best dealt with before it gets out of hand. Treat others as equals. ★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Share ideas with someone you love, and make sure you are on the same page. Once you have a plan in place, it will be easy to implement the changes you want to make. A financial gain will lead to new beginnings. ★★★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take a moment to experience what's unfolding around you. Be observant, and you will detect if anyone is trying to outmatch or undermine you. Keep your thoughts a secret, and act out of kindness, not malice. You'll gain respect and support. ★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Yankees' win streak ends at 13; Montas, A's stop 6-game skid



**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—**

Fresh off their first loss in more than two weeks, Aaron Judge and the New York Yankees immediately looked forward.

The Yankees' longest winning streak in nearly 60 years ended at 13 games Saturday when Frankie Montas pitched seven shutout innings and the Oakland Athletics held on for a 3-2 victory.

Judge hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, but that's all New York managed against Montas and the A's bullpen.

"A loss is a loss. It's time to start another streak, that's all," Judge said. "We didn't get the job done, so it's time to turn the page. (The streak) showed what we're capable of. This team is capable of a lot of great things."

Judge has homered six times in 15 games. His power surge helped the Yankees boost their playoff position and put pressure on AL East-leading Tampa Bay.

Matt Chapman homered for the A's, who had lost six straight and 10 of 12 before handing the charging Yankees their first loss since Aug. 12 in Chicago against the White Sox.

The Yankees trailed 3-0 in the ninth inning when Anthony Rizzo reached on a bloop single with one out and Judge followed with his 29th homer, connecting against Sergio Romo.

But Romo got Giancarlo Stanton to pop out and Joey Gallo to ground out for his first save since 2020.

Montas (10-9) was crisp all afternoon, allowing just two hits. He struck out six and walked one for his first win since July 29.

"Against that lineup, win-streak going and the way they're going, I don't know how you can pitch any better than that," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "(Montas) had an edge from the very beginning. A much-needed outing. Fantastic, maybe to an extent as good an outing as he's had all year."

The Yankees' string was their best since a 13-game streak in September 1961 fueled by Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris. The last time they did better was a 15-game charge in 1960; the team's record is a 19-game winning streak in 1947.

Montas retired 15 straight after Judge's two-out double in the first, then fanned Stanton for the second time. Montas got a key 3-5-3 double play after Judge singled in the seventh and clapped his hands furiously after the double play.

"It feels good to give high-fives again," Montas said. "It felt like all of us did a little bit, did our part to win. We have to bring that mentality into tomorrow and keep rolling."

Montas set a career high with his 10th win.



From left to right, Oakland Athletics' Mark Canha, celebrates with Starling Marte and Chad Pinder after they defeated the New York Yankees in a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021.

## Giants 5, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Logan Webb threw seven strong innings to win his seventh consecutive decision, Tommy La Stella and Mike Yastrzemski each homered and drove in two runs, and San Francisco beat Atlanta in a matchup of NL division leaders.

Webb (8-3) allowed five hits with one walk and six strikeouts.

Huascar Ynoa (4-4) took the loss, allowing two runs on three hits and three walks in six innings.

Yastrzemski matched his career high by hitting his 21st homer off Richard Rodriguez.

## Angels 10, Padres 2

In Anaheim, Calif., Jared Walsh homered and drove in three runs, Justin Upton got his 1,000th RBI and Los Angeles snapped its three-game skid with a win over San Diego.

Shohei Ohtani stole second to become the first player in team history with 40 homers and 20 steals in a season for the Angels, who won for only the second time in eight games.

Jack Mayfield also had a two-run homer for the Halos.

Eric Hosmer and Austin Nola had RBI singles in the fourth for the Padres, who blew their chance to pull within one game of Cincinnati for the NL's second wild-card spot after the Reds lost at Miami. San Diego (69-62) has lost five of six and 13 of 16.

Ryan Weathers (4-7) struggled, yielding four hits and three runs over three innings.

Andrew Wantz (1-0) got his first major league victory for the Angels with 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief and three strikeouts.

## Dodgers 5, Rockies 2

In Los Angeles, Will Smith snapped a tie with a bases-loaded, two-run single in the

eighth inning and Los Angeles rallied to beat Colorado.

Smith stroked a 3-1 pitch from Daniel Bard (7-7) into left field, scoring Max Muncy and Mookie Betts to give the Dodgers a 4-2 lead.

Six Dodgers pitchers combined to limit the Rockies to three hits. Blake Treinen (4-5) got the victory. Kenley Jansen retired the side in the ninth to earn his 29th save, giving him 341 in his career and tying him with Rollie Fingers for 14th on the all-time list.

Colorado dropped to 16-48 on the road.

## Mets 5, Nationals 3

In New York, Michael Conforto hit a go-ahead, three-run drive in the seventh inning for his first career pinch-hit homer and New York beat Washington.

Conforto helped end New York's four-game skid and stopped a 3-for-19 slump by connecting with the first pitch he got from Mason Thompson.

Kevin Pillar homered twice for the Mets. Conforto's homer made a winner of Trevor May (6-2), who uncorked a wild pitch in the top of the seventh that allowed Riley Adams to score and give the Nationals a 3-2 lead.

Ryne Harper (0-1) was charged with two runs while getting one out.

Edwin Díaz pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

## Phillies 7, Diamondbacks 0

In Philadelphia, Didi Gregorius hit three doubles, Kyle Gibson pitched six sharp innings and Philadelphia blanked Arizona.

Jean Segura (three hits, two RBIs) and Odúbel Herrera homered for the Phillies. Eight of Philadelphia's 12 hits went for extra bases.

Bryce Harper doubled and drove in a run, and Gregorius had a pair of RBIs.

Gibson (10-5) allowed three hits, struck out three and walked none. T

Humberto Mejia (0-1) took the loss. He exited after six innings, allowing four runs on eight hits with three strikeouts and a walk.

## Marlins 6, Reds 1

In Miami, Sandy Alcantara had a career-high 12 strikeouts in seven innings to help Miami beat Cincinnati for the first time in six meetings this year.

Alcantara (8-12) allowed one run and achieved a career high in strikeouts for the second start in a row, with both coming against the Reds.

Jesús Sánchez hit a three-run homer in a five-run first inning against Vladimir Gutiérrez (9-5).

Jorge Alfaro also drove in three runs for Miami. Jazz Chisholm Jr. had the first three-hit game of his career and scored twice.

Tyler Naquin doubled home the Reds' run in the third. He has the longest active hitting streak in the majors at 17 games.

## Cubs 7, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Patrick Wisdom backed Alec Mills with two more homers and the Cubs beat the White Sox for the first time this season.

Rafael Ortega connected for a grand slam against Lance Lynn as the fourth-place Cubs improved to 6-19 in August.

Mills (6-6) worked into the ninth inning in his first win since Aug. 4. He struck out three and walked two.

Wisdom hit solo drives in the fourth and fifth innings. He also went deep twice Friday and became the first rookie in franchise history to post consecutive multi-homer games, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Lynn (10-4) allowed a season-high seven runs in five

innings in his first loss since June 19. The All-Star right-hander struck out seven and walked two.

## Twins 6, Brewers 4

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sanó drove in a pair of runs and Minnesota outlasted the rain and Milwaukee.

After Minnesota saw its 4-0 lead disappear, the Twins went back up 5-4 in the sixth inning when Andrelton Simmons hit into a double play that drove in Sanó. Josh Donaldson had an RBI double in the seventh.

Caleb Thielbar (6-0) threw two scoreless innings in relief to get the win.

Adrian Houser (7-6) took the loss.

## Royals 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Salvador Perez homered for the third straight game, lining a two-run shot off the top of the fence for his 37th of the season to lead Kansas City over Seattle.

Whit Merrifield also homered for Kansas City, which won its third straight over Seattle.

Domingo Tapia, Joel Payamps (1-3) and Scott Barlow combined for 4 1/3 innings, allowing four hits and a run. Kyle Seager earned his 10th save.

Tyler Anderson (6-9) took the loss.

## Red Sox 5, Indians 3, 10 innings

In Cleveland, J.D. Martinez hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and Boston beat Cleveland.

Martinez, who broke out of an 0-for-20 slump with three hits, drove a 2-1 pitch from Nick Wittgren (2-7) into the seats in right field for his 24th home run of the season. Martinez also singled in the first and sixth.

Garrett Whitlock (6-2) pitched around a one-out single in the ninth. Adam Otta-

vino earned his 10th save and second of the series.

Franmil Reyes hit a solo homer for Cleveland.

## Blue Jays 3, Tigers 2, 10 innings

In Detroit, Corey Dickerson's third opposite-field single of the game scored Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the 10th inning and gave Toronto a win over Detroit.

Jordan Romano (6-1) pitched the bottom of the 10th and earned the win.

Toronto lost a two-run lead in the late innings, but managed to pull out the win. Kyle Funkhouser (6-2) pitched the 10th and took the loss for the Tigers.

Blue Jays catcher Alejandro Kirk hit a 412-foot homer with two out in the sixth.

## Astros 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Yordan Álvarez homered for the fifth time in eight games, Carlos Correa also went deep and the AL West-leading Houston beat rookie-laden Texas for its fourth straight win.

Framber Valdez (9-4) struck out seven and walked one over seven innings while giving up two runs and three hits. Ryan Pressly worked the ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances.

All-Star outfielder Adolis García, one of six rookies in the starting lineup for the last-place Rangers, hit his 28th homer in the sixth. They lost their fifth game in a row.

Kolby Allard (3-11) took the loss.

## Rays 4, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Randy Arozarena hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning and Tampa Bays beat Baltimore for the 11th straight game.

The Rays trailed 3-2 in the eighth before reliever Cole Sulser (3-3) walked Kevin Kiermaier on five pitches and then allowed the two-run shot by Arozarena.

Reliever JT Chargois (4-0) pitched a scoreless seventh and Andrew Kittredge picked up his fourth save.

## Cardinals 13, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Adam Wainwright baffled Pittsburgh, allowing three hits over seven innings as St. Louis cruised to a win.

Wainwright (13-7) is unbeaten against Pittsburgh in his last 17 starts dating to 2016. He struck out five and walked one.

Edmundo Sosa tripled twice and drove in five runs against Pittsburgh starter Steven Brault (0-3).

Sosa finished 4 for 6, Tommy Edman also went 4 for 6 and Paul Goldschmidt had two hits and three RBIs for the Cardinals.

Bryan Reynolds doubled for the Pirates but Pittsburgh failed to get a runner to third base.



# Source: Cavs getting Markkanen from Bulls in 3-way trade



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Lauri Markkanen was in search of a new team. The Cavaliers needed to add another outside shooter.

They found each other.

The Cavaliers have agreed to acquire Markkanen, a restricted free agent forward from Chicago, in a three-way trade that will send forward Larry Nance Jr. from Cleveland to Portland, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on Friday.

Markkanen is coming to the Cavs in a sign-and-trade agreement, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal needs NBA approval before it can be completed. It could be a few more days before the trade becomes official.

The 24-year-old Markkanen will receive a four-year, \$67.4 million contract, the person said.

ESPN first reported the three-way swap.

The Bulls are getting swingman Derrick Jones Jr. from the Trail Blazers along with a lottery-protected 2022 first-round pick.

The 7-foot Markkanen averaged 13.6 points and 5.3 rebounds in 51 games for the Bulls last season, his fourth with the club. A 40% shooter on 3-pointers last season, he had been unable to work out staying with Chicago, and Cleveland jumped at the chance to get him.



Chicago Bulls forward Lauri Markkanen, left, shoots against Milwaukee Bucks forward Jordan Nwora during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, in this Sunday, May 16, 2021, file photo. AP

Markkanen will join a young Cleveland nucleus that includes guards Darius Garland and Collin Sexton, forward Evan Mobley, the No. 3 pick in this year's draft, forward Isaac Okoro and center Jarrett Allen.

The price for Markkanen was high. The Cavs had to part with Nance, who grew

up in the area and whose father, Larry Sr., was an All-Star forward and whose jersey was retired by Cleveland.

Nance joined the Cavs in the 2017-18 season, coming over in a trade from the Lakers. A skilled all-around player, the 28-year-old Nance will be a nice complementary piece for the Blazers. He'll

also get a chance to play with fellow northeast Ohioan and friend CJ McCollum.

Jones, the 2020 All-Star slam dunk champion, is another new piece as the Bulls try to turn things around.

Chicago has been busy this summer since going 31-41 and finishing 11th in the Eastern Conference last season.

The Bulls added high-scoring forward DeMar DeRozan and point guard Lonzo Ball in separate sign-and-trade deals.

With Olympian Zach LaVine and two-time All-Star center Nikola Vucevic returning, the Bulls believe they're poised to end their streak of four straight seasons without a playoff appearance.

NBA referees to be vaccinated this season

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NBA referees will all be vaccinated against the coronavirus this season.

The NBA announced Saturday that it has struck a deal with the National Basketball Referees Association on that requirement. Part of the referees' agreement with the NBA also says that those working games will receive booster shots once they become recommended.

The NBRA voting on the issue took place earlier this week.

"This agreement was a win-win," the NBRA said in a statement. "It will support the NBA's objective of creating a safer on-court environment and continuity of play while protecting the health and well-being of the referees."

The referees also described the move as a "clear example of when labor and management work together for the common good of their collective business."

The NBA's agreement with the referees was revealed one day after the league told its teams that anyone within close proximity—defined in most cases as being 15 feet—of players and referees will also have to be vaccinated. That mandate covers, among others, coaches, support staff traveling with teams, locker room attendants and those working at official scorer's tables in NBA arenas.

Players are not required to be fully vaccinated, though many were last season after the league encouraged them to do so by agreeing to relax some health and safety protocols for those who were—including fewer mandated coronavirus tests, no quarantine requirements following contact tracing issues and more freedoms on road trips.

As is the case with team employees, any referees who have a documented medical or religious reason to not be vaccinated may seek an exemption. Without that exemption, any unvaccinated referee will not be eligible to work games, the NBA said.

Referees have been dealing with enhanced safety measures since NBA play resumed in the restart bubble at Walt Disney World in Florida in July 2020, including having small cloth bags over their whistles to prevent the spewing of spittle and changes in how—and how often—they travel.

NBA training camps open in late September.

## Video shows police use stun gun on NBA's Jaxson Hayes

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A Los Angeles police officer briefly pressed a knee to the neck of NBA player Jaxson Hayes as the New Orleans Pelicans center gasped "I can't breathe" seconds before another officer used a Taser on him during a struggle, according to body camera video released Friday.

The officers went to Hayes' home in the Woodland Hills neighborhood on July 28 around 3 a.m. after his girlfriend's cousin called 911. The cousin said Hayes' girlfriend was sending her text messages saying he had become loud and violent and she was scared.

Hayes, who was not armed, became argumentative after officers said he couldn't go back into his home. He ignored requests from his girlfriend and his cousin to stop talking and struggling with the police as they tried to subdue him. The 21-year-old ultimately was booked into jail on accusations of resisting arrest after he was evaluated at a hospital for minor injuries.

"Jaxson Hayes is a nice young man, and he is back home in Ohio working out and getting ready for the upcoming season," his attorney, Mark Baute, said in a statement Friday.

The LAPD's Force Investigation Division is looking into the case "due to the possibility of force being applied to Hayes' neck during the use of force," police previously said in a statement. Los Angeles police have presented the case to prosecutors, who haven't decided whether to file charges.

A police officer's elbow was injured when Hayes shoved him into a wall. Authorities previously said Hayes' girlfriend has declined to cooperate in the investigation.

Hayes, 6-foot-11 and 220 pounds (over 2 meters and nearly 100 kilograms), was drafted eighth overall out of Texas in 2019. He is the son of former NFL tight end Jonathan Hayes, who played for Kansas City and Pittsburgh. The younger Hayes played one season for the Longhorns before turning pro. In his first two NBA seasons, he averaged 7.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 16.5 minutes.

Since George Floyd's death in 2020 there is heightened sensitivity not just when it comes to police violence against Black people, but to police using any kind of force that restricts a person's breathing. While Hayes' encounter

with police bears some similarities to Floyd's murder by former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, the differences are notable.

Hayes was on his back when a Los Angeles police officer's knee was pressed to his neck for a few seconds. Floyd was pinned face-down under Chauvin's knee for up to 9 1/2 minutes.

As Hayes gasped "I can't breathe" several times, another officer tells his partner "get your knee up." That officer immediately complies and Hayes is able to lift his head.

In Floyd's case, three other officers were charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin with murder and manslaughter because they did not intervene.

The nearly 15-minute, edited video of Hayes' arrest includes the 911 call and footage from multiple officers' body cameras. The incident at Hayes' home began calmly with him answering questions in his driveway with his cousin standing nearby.

"What's going on between you and your girl?" one officer asks.

"We were just having a little argument," Hayes responds. "She was throwing some stuff at me."

The officers say they need to speak to his girlfriend. They tell him and his cousin to wait outside. Hayes questions why he can't go into his home and asks if they have a warrant to go inside.

The officers respond that they don't need one, which may or may not be true under California law. Among the mitigating factors are whether the officers believe a victim is seriously hurt.

Two officers blocked Hayes as he approaches the front door, while his cousin tells him to calm down. One officer pushes Hayes and his cousin holds him back.

The police separate the men and grab Hayes' arms. The situation then rapidly escalates.

Hayes' cousin begins yelling "Jaxson, stop!" as he scuffles with the officers, shoving one into a wall near the front door. One officer pulls out a Taser as others tackle Hayes.

"Stop resisting or I'm gonna tase you!" he yells several times as Hayes struggles on the ground. The officer alternates pressing a hand and knee to Hayes' neck. Hayes' girlfriend comes out of the home and screams "Stop! Stop! What are you doing?"

"Stop resisting or I'm gonna

tase you!" the officer yells as Hayes gasps "I can't breathe."

As two officers hold Hayes' arms, the officer fires the Taser, pressing it close to his chest for several seconds amid cries for them to stop from his girlfriend and cousin.

Hayes screams and flips over. The officer fires the Taser a second time, pressing it close to Hayes' buttocks and the back of his legs, yelling "stop resisting!"

"I'm stopping, bro!" Hayes shouts.

The officer threatens to use the Taser on him again as Hayes insists that he's not resisting.

The officers are ultimately able to handcuff him and force him to sit in a chair. Blood is visible on his arm and shirt.

LAPD officers are trained to aim a stun gun at a person's back and navel if the Taser's probes are being used from a distance of 7 to 15 feet (over 2 meters to nearly 5 meters), according to the agency's policy. The Taser should be deployed on the person's forearm or the outside of their thigh or calf if the officer is using the device's direct stun feature.

Targeting a person's chest with a Taser is controversial and the device's maker has previously said to avoid that area.



# NFL's vaccine rate at 93%, mandatory shots were discussed

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The NFL says 93% of players are vaccinated for COVID-19 and the league wanted mandatory vaccination but the NFLPA wouldn't agreed to it.

The league also has asked the players' union to adjust protocols so vaccinated players would be tested weekly instead of every 14 days. Unvaccinated players are tested daily.

NFLPA president JC Tretter, a center for the Cleveland Browns, said earlier this week

the decision not to make vaccination mandatory was done by the league. But league officials disputed that assertion.

"We've been discussing mandatory vaccination from the start," NFL deputy general counsel Larry Ferazani said Thursday. "In fact, we took the lead and required staff and coaches to be vaccinated in order to have access to a player. Beginning at that point, we began banging the drum for what (the NFLPA's) experts also concede is the single greatest way that we can protect the players and the staff, which is to get to a 100 percent vacci-

nation level. That was our request from that, and we would still love to see that mandate go into effect tomorrow."

NFL officials also do not have a vaccine mandate.

The league reported 68 positives cases out of 7,190 tested individuals between Aug. 1-21. The 0.95% incidence rate is lower than in most communities.

Dr. Allen Sills, the league's chief medical officer, said almost all cases across have been the Delta variant. He said vaccinated individuals have had very mild upper respiratory illness, shorter duration.

Sills also said none of the players who've tested positive required hospitalization.

Regarding daily testing, Sills said "testing isn't prevention."

"It's one part of our mitigation strategy but it's not the key part," he said. "It's not testing alone that will get us through this surge."

The NFL said that 120 players have received warning letters with 25 players fined for mask or tracking device violations.

Under league rules, the first offense for violating the protocols will result in a fine of \$14,650.



The Los Angeles Chargers enter the field before a preseason NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, in Inglewood, Calif. **AP**

## 3-PEAT

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New York	76	53	.589	5
Boston	75	56	.573	7
Toronto	67	61	.523	13½
Baltimore	40	88	.313	40½

#### Central Division

Chicago	75	56	.573	
Cleveland	63	64	.496	10
Detroit	62	68	.477	12½
Kansas City	59	70	.457	15
Minnesota	57	72	.442	17

#### West Division

Houston	77	52	.597	
Oakland	71	59	.546	6½
Seattle	69	61	.531	8½
Los Angeles	64	67	.489	14
Texas	44	85	.341	33

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	59	.539	
Philadelphia	65	64	.504	4½
New York	62	67	.481	7½
Washington	55	73	.430	14
Miami	54	76	.415	16

#### Central Division

Milwaukee	78	52	.600	
Cincinnati	71	60	.542	7½
St. Louis	66	62	.516	11
Chicago	57	74	.435	21½
Pittsburgh	47	83	.362	31

#### West Division

San Francisco	84	45	.651	
Los Angeles	82	48	.631	2½
San Diego	69	62	.527	16
Colorado	59	70	.457	25
Arizona	44	87	.336	41

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ing technique that basically helps him win.

"When I do that I kind of know what kind of [lure] to put on the bait and how to catch that thing and it's a kind of a secret. And if I tell my secret, everybody's going to know it," he said laughingly.

In a way, Diaz said he's just making up for lost time as he didn't really become a bonafide *peskador* until only recently.

"I started [fishing] late and I married late and I have two kids already. [I'm] just busy with work. But when I'm not busy I go fishing as I much as I can and when my wife lets me go."

And what made Diaz's win more special was this year's derby organized by the I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Associa-



Scotty Shular and Joji Taguchi proudly show off their 7.55-lb tarakito, which was the hand's down winner of the side bet in last Saturday's 2021 ISLA Mafuti Derby. **FLOYD MASGA**

tion served as a tribute to ISLA former president and founder Mike "Palaksi" Sablan, who passed away late last year.

Diaz dedicated his victory

to the family of Mike Palaksi. "I actually donated the fish we caught to Mike Palaksi's family."

Second place went to *R.J.*

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was scared that I would start out to fast and would be too tired at the end. But even though I started out fast I think I still kept my pace at the end," he said.

Cabrera ruled the women's 21-and-under age group after submitting a time of 30:23. She was followed by Maya Shimizu's 57:17.

"I thought the race was great I was really surprised with my time. I was following a soccer guy for the first 2 miles and I was pacing myself then on the last 2 miles. I picked up my pace overall I felt really great about the



A total of 60 runners took part in Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Michelob Ultra 4-Mile Run For Taste and Pokka 4-Mile Sunset Run last Saturday along the Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

race and time!" she said.

Aside from Michelob Ul-

tra and Pokka sponsoring the 4-mile fundraiser, the Miche-

lob Ultra 4-Mile Run For Taste and Pokka 4-Mile Sunset Run

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ISLA president J.D. Tenorio said their late president, Mike Palaksi, founded ISLA and they created the Mufeti Derby to give small boat owners and their fishermen a chance to compete in a fishing tournament.

"It's really to give smaller boats the opportunity to be able to go out and enjoy the tournament with their fellow fishermen, fishermen, kids, and family inside the lagoon. This derby the boundaries are inside the lagoon from Sugar Dock to the north. This gives them an opportunity to come out and compete against boats similar in length that are not necessarily able to go out to deeper and rougher waters to fish," he said.

were also supported by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Northern Marianas Athletics, and Latte Built Gym. A total of 60 runners and a couple of dogs tackled the 4-mile race.

The event was held by NMIBF to help the federation send the CNMI men's and women's teams to the 2022 Micronesian Games that the Marshall Islands will be hosting. The NMIBF recently selected 20 players each in the men's and women's divisions that will move to Stage 2 of the Micro Games preparations and last weekend's run will just be one of the several fundraising events that the national squad hopefuls will be involved with.

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defensive-minded contest. However, Blue Haus took the initiative early with forwards Ryan Byna and Errol Peredo feasting from all over the court to give their team a shaky 27-23 spread at halftime.

But The Game continued to keep it close in the second half and slowly but surely took the momentum and then the lead from Blue Haus. Leading scorers Mac Mintac and Eric Joe finally found their stride in the final 20 minus of the ball

game to catch their opponents.

With Mintac bombing away from outside and Joe doing damage inside, The Game wrestled the lead from Blue Haus. They will continue to hold on the lead until a fiery rally by Blue Haus precipitated an exciting seesaw battle until the end.

Blue Haus' rally culminated with a 3-pointer by captain Elmer Esdrelon at the 4:28 mark of the second half that gave them a 51-50 advantage. They would even push that to a 53-50 lead moments later on an inside stab by Byna.

The Game had other plans though as they went on to outscore Blue Haus, 7-3, in the chaotic windup that was punctuated by a daredevil drive by Jeff Sagum with 29 seconds left that pegged what would be the final score. This happened, as in its next possession Blue Haus coughed the ball up when Esdrelon passed the spheroid to a phantom player on the sideline sealing their fate.

Mintac led all scorers with 19 points, while Joe added 12 and 8 rebounds. Byna fired 15 markers in the loss, the first

for Blue Haus, while Esdrelon chipped in 8 points.

In the second game, Ol'Aces rebounded from its loss to The Game last time out by drubbing Socho 77-43. Coby Santos started out like a house on fire for the victors as the national team candidate scored all of his 18 points to give Ol'Aces a 36-24 lead at the halftime break.

It would go from bad to worse for Socho 2 in the second half, as despite Santos and other lethal scorer Jeff Castro (12 points in the opening half) dialing down

their offensive prowess, Ol'Aces continued to pile on the points and the game ended in a 34-point rout.

Santos was the highpoint man for Ol'Aces with 18 points, while Preston Basa and Airson Atan tossed in 15 and 13 markers, respectively. Rob Smith scored 8 points to pace Socho 2 in defeat.

### First Game

**The Game 57** – Mintac 19, Joe 12, Cabaltica 6, Sagum 4, Deleon Guerrero 4, Dayao 3, Arellano 3, Blake 2, Mendiola 2, Sablan 2.

**Blue Haus 56** – Byna 15, Esdrelon 8, Peredo 7, Guiab 7, Barbo 6, J. Santos 5, K. Santos 4, De Dios 2, Berline 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 23-27, 57-56.

### Second Game

**Ol'Aces 77** – Santos 18, Basa 15, Atan 13, Castro 12, Onopwy 6, Schmidt 4, Rabauliman 4, Kabiriel 2, Diaz 2.

**Socho 43** – Smith 9, Guerrero 8, Espinosa 8, Taisague 5, Pangelinan 4, Sharry 4, Fejeran 3, Phillip 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 36-24, 77-43.





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## 3-peat for Nibbler in Mafuti Derby



Captain Ed Diaz of the Nibblers poses with his Biggest Fish trophy with his son and I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association president J.D. Tenorio and vice president Ross Arriola during the 2021 ISLA Mafuti Derby awards ceremony last Saturday at the Smiling Cove Marina. **MARK RABAGO**

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**C**aptain Ed Diaz is making up for his belated start to the sport of fishing by winning anew the 2021 ISLA Mafuti Derby last Saturday in the Saipan lagoon.

The Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects specialist and the crew of *Nibbler* caught the biggest emperor fish at a whopping 7 lbs to win the top prize of \$1,000, a handsome trophy, and a year's worth of bragging rights. It was the third straight Mafute Derby that Diaz and his crew won. They first won in 2018 and then made it back-to-back in 2019. The derby was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Diaz said winning the derby this year was a mix of happenstance and being in the right place at the right time. "It was kind of hard today. We went out late this morning. We went to the northside of the island to my spots and they were not just biting so we decided to go south."

Then his sudden change of plans paid off.



Captain Ed Diaz and the Nibblers' winning 7-lb mafute. **FLOYD MASGA**

"It was kind of funny because I put down the reel on my rod-holder and I turned to mix my chew and the rod started pulling. And then when I looked my father-in-law said 'boy, your rod!' When I picked up my rod it was kind of stuck on the rod-holder but I finally

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## Kuroda, Muldoon fleetest afoot in 4-miler

» **Cabrera, Bachani win 'junior' division**

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**Shuji Kuroda** and **Lily Muldoon** topped the Michelob Ultra 4-Mile Run For Taste, while **Dev Bachani** and **Tiana Cabrera** left their competitors in the dust in the Pokka 4-Mile Sunset Run last Saturday along the Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway.

Kuroda shredded the course from Garapan Fishing Base to the Army Recruitment Office/Laderra Building in a time of



**Kuroda**

24:05 to pace the male 21-and-over runners. Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. came in second at 27:37, while Michael Deneven completed the Top 3 after crossing



**Muldoon**

the finish line in 27:53. The 31-year-old Food & Beverage assistant manager at Grandvrio Saipan extended his thanks to race organizer, Northern Mariana Islands

Basketball Federation, for holding the event.

"It was a good distance and I'm happy [to have won]," said Kuroda, who said he only started running competitively when he decided to pick up triathlon as a sport back in 2018.

Muldoon, a physician at the Commonwealth Health Center, dominated the women's 21-and-over division after completing the 4-mile race in 27:44. She was followed by Run Saipan vice president Jenny Kong (33:03) and Lydia Tan (37:03).

Bachani, for his part, was the first to reach the fishing base in the men's 21-and-under category after the 15-year-old Marianas High School student timed in at 27:04. Cody Shimizu (28:10) and Ruben Guerrero (29:08) finished second and third.

"It didn't feel as long as I thought but before the run I

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The Game's Joe Sablan drives against the outstretched arm of Blue Haus' Errol Peredo in the fourth quarter of their NMI Rollers Basketball Association's Inaugural NMI Rollers Men's Basketball Tournament last Friday at the Koblerville Gymnasium. **MARK RABAGO**

## The Game outlasts Blue Haus in cliffhanger

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The Game remains unscathed after nipping Blue Haus in a battle of undefeated teams in the

NMI Rollers Basketball Association's Inaugural NMI Rollers Men's Basketball Tournament last Friday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

The match was tight from the get-go with both teams engaged in a low-scoring, **See THE GAME on Page 19**